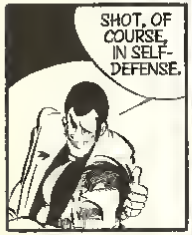
CHAPTER 82

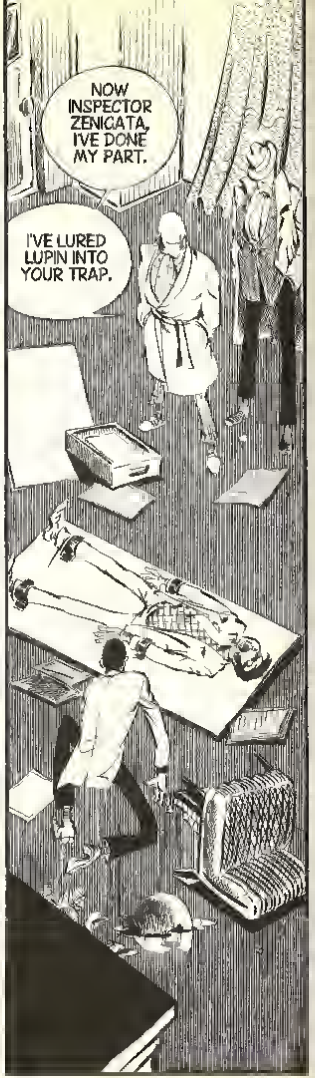
"VOTER REVOLT"

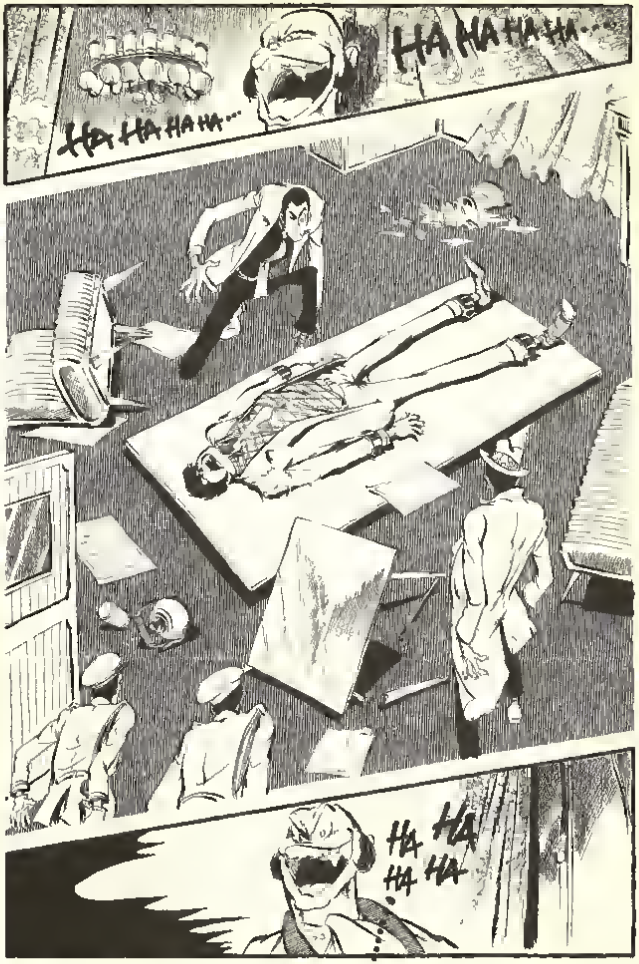
I WAS ONLY RETURNING ...
...YOUR ASSASSIN.


SHOT, OF COURSE, IN SELF-DEFENSE.

ASSAS-SIN ?!

AND HE CARTED ALONG WITH HIM A VICTIM FOR EVIDENCE.
WHAT A FOOL!


NOW INSPECTOR ZENIGATA, I'VE DONE MY PART.
I'VE LURED LUPIN INTO YOUR TRAP.


HA HA HA HA...
HA HA HA HA...
HA HA HA HA

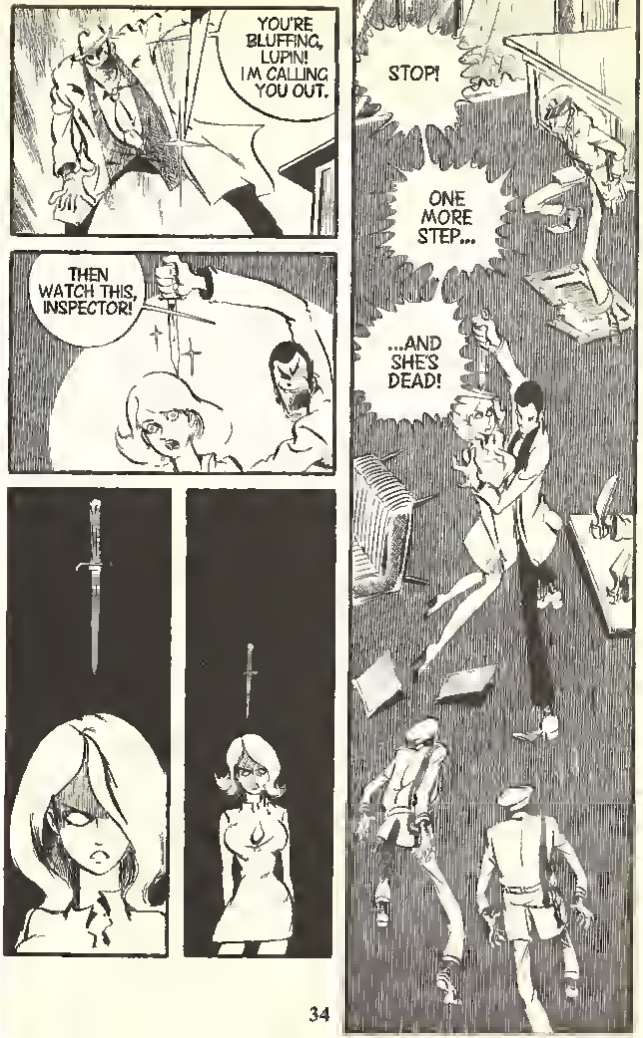
THAT'S WHY HE SENT A HIT MAN AFTER ME!
...I'D PREFER TO BE THE ONE ILL-USING IT! HA HA HA!
I CAN'T LET YOU ARREST ME...
...I CLAIM THAT CASH.
...UNTIL AFTER...

... CRIMINAL.
MR. ZENIGATA! SURELY YOU DON'T BELIEVE THE WORDS OF THIS...
WHAT NEED HAVE I FOR AN ASSASSIN?
DON'T BUY IT, INSPECTOR.
I AM A WELL-RESPECTED POLITICIAN, SIR.
BUT HE'S USING THE MONEY TO BUILD THE GORAKU-KAN LUXURY RESORT.
...PROMISING TO BUILD A NEW HOSPITAL.
HE'S ALREADY EXTORTED 30 MILLION YEN FROM A PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY ...
IF MONEY IS BEING PUT TO ILL USE ...
...AND I'M A CONCERNED CITIZEN.
HE'S A CROOKED SCUM...

DON'T BULLSHIT ME.
DON'T TEST ME!
STOP IT! SHE'S MY DAUGHTER!
SCRAM, SAM. LET ME HANDLE THIS.
YOU WON'T HURT THAT GIRL.
I KNOW LUPIN LIKE PIGS KNOW SLOP.
HE WOULDN'T KILL A DAME.

WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR DRAMATIC ESCAPE?
I'M SAVING IT.
FATHER, TIME FOR YOUR PILL.
BE POLITE, INSPECTOR, AND SHOW US TO THE DOOR.

...AND THE KNIFE STABS BY ITSELF!
ONE FALSE MOVE..
HA! I DON'T HAVE TO KILL HER!
WAIT! I HAVEN'T SEEN THIS TRICK BEFORE! WE'LL DO WHAT HE SAYS.
MY DAUGHTER!
I'VE TAKEN A QUICK POLL, SIR, AND STATISTICS SHOW THAT MOST PEOPLE WANT YOU TO GIVE ME MY MONEY!
SAVE MY GIRL!!
YOU CALL YOURSELF A COP?!

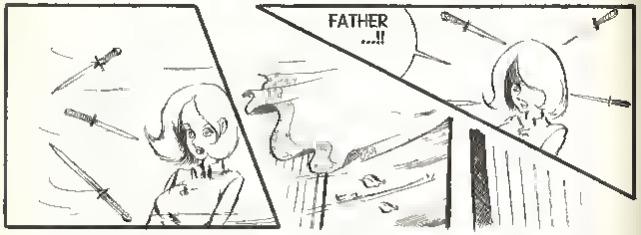

YOU'RE BLUFFING, LUPIN! I'M CALLING YOU OUT.
THEN WATCH THIS, INSPECTOR!
STOP!
ONE MORE STEP...
...AND SHE'S DEAD!

FINE... I'LL PAY!
GOD DAMN USELESS COPS...
WAIT! I FIGURED OUT THE KNIFE TRICK!
IT'S BULLSHIT!
IT'S JUST HANGING ON A WIRE.

HE'S GONE.

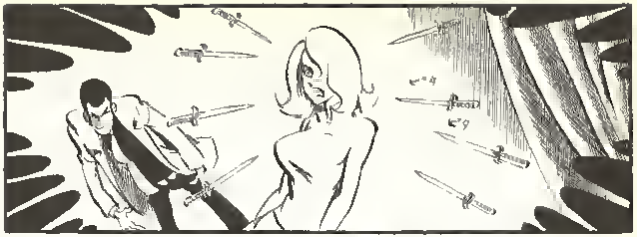
INSPECTOR, REMOVE THAT BODY!
NOW, THAT TRICK I'VE SEEN.
AS LONG AS MY MONEY AND DAUGHTER ARE SAFE--
THE MONEY!! MY 30 MILLION YEN!!
AND IN ITS PLACE...
IT'S GONE.
LUPIN !!!
JUST DON'T LET HIM GET AWAY!
KILL HIM IF YOU HAVE TO!!!
GET HIM!!
ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO DO THAT?
WE'D BETTER BE CAREFUL.
AW SHIT! HE'S BEING TRICKY AGAIN!

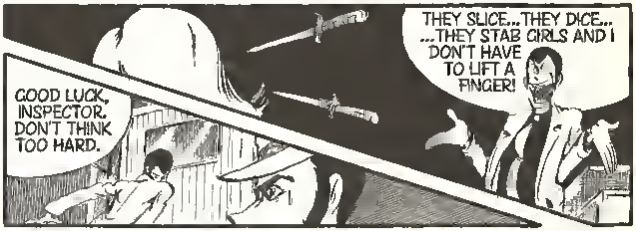
THESE RUBBER DUMMY BODIES ARE THE BEST FOR BOOSTING LOOT!


FATHER ...!!

THESE KNIVES ...

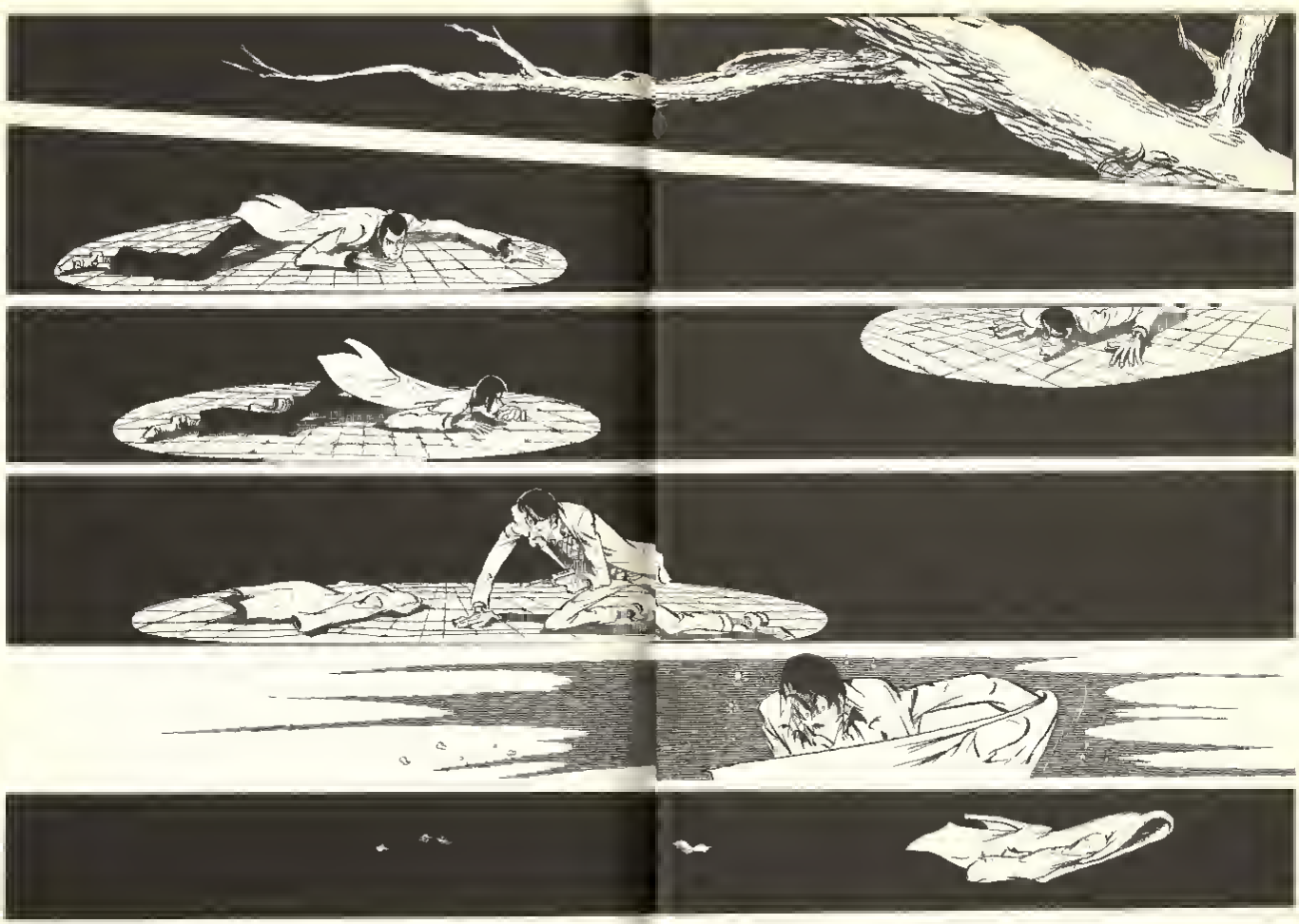
THEY'RE MADE OF RUBBER!!




THEY SLICE... THEY DICE... ...THEY STAB GIRLS AND I DON'T HAVE TO LIFT A FINGER!
GOOD LUCK, INSPECTOR. DON'T THINK TOO HARD.

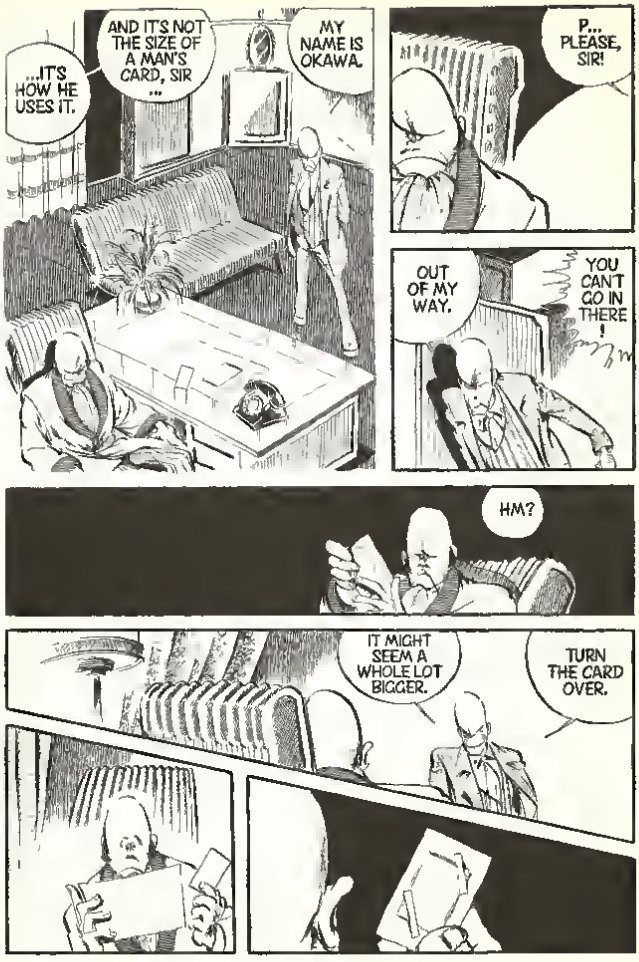
FATHER!

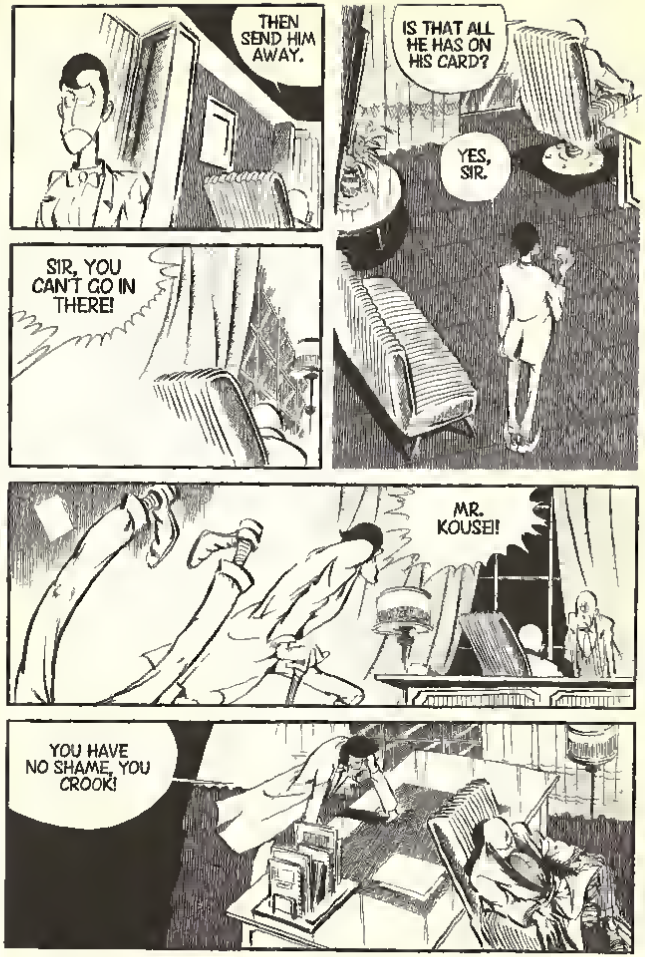
WHERE DID IT GO?!
WHERE'S THE MONEY?!



HA HA HA HA! ANOTHER THIEF BITES THE DUST, EH? HA HA HA HA!
SIR, YOU HAVE A GUEST.
OH YEAH? HOW BIG IS HIS... BUSINESS CARD?
A TINY CARD FOR A TINY MAN.
HA!
INCORPORATED
MR. OKAWA
YES SIR!
TELL HIM I'M AWAY... UNDERSTAND?

HA HA! NOW THAT'S WHAT I CALL A BIG CARD! HA!
...THAT CARD CAN KEEP GETTING BIGGER.
IF YOU REMEMBER US FONDLY ...
MY COMPANY PLANS TO SUBMIT A CONSTRUC-TION BID.
THE GOVERNMENT CONTRACT FOR THE GORAKU-KAN PROJECT.
MAYBE TEN.
FIVE TIMES AS BIG.
YOU HAVE ANOTHER GUEST, SIR.


...IT'S HOW HE USES IT.
AND IT'S NOT THE SIZE OF A MAN'S CARD, SIR ...
MY NAME IS OKAWA.
P... PLEASE, SIR!
OUT OF MY WAY.
YOU CAN'T GO IN THERE !
HM?
IT MIGHT SEEM A WHOLE LOT BIGGER.
TURN THE CARD OVER.


THEN SEND HIM AWAY.
IS THAT ALL HE HAS ON HIS CARD?
YES, SIR.
SIR, YOU CAN'T GO IN THERE!
MR. KOUSEI!
YOU HAVE NO SHAME, YOU CROOK!

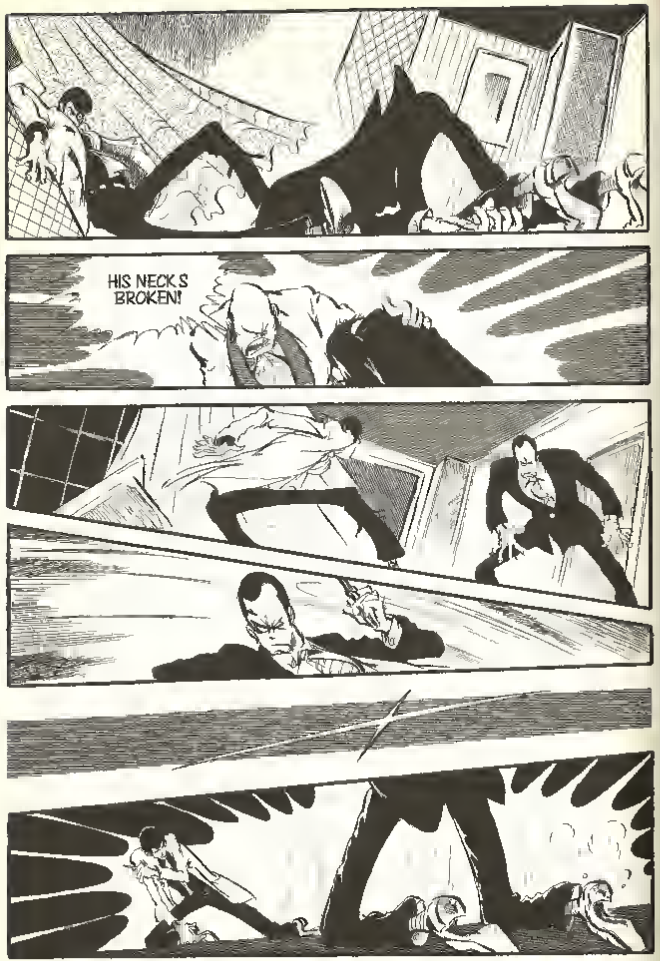
THAT'S NO WAY TO ADDRESS A CAREER POLITICIAN.
IT'S AN OUTRAGE! AN EXCUSE FOR YOU TO LINE YOUR POCKETS!
THE GORAKU-KAN CONSTRUCTION PROJECT?
I DEMAND YOU USE THE 30,000,000 YEN FOR SOMETHING IMPORTANT!
IT'S A PITY. SOME PEOPLE HAVE NO FAITH IN GOVERNMENT.

Lupin the Third
...ON THE BACK !
THE ASSASSIN YOU SENT TO KILL ME.
HE DIED IN COMMITTEE.

AND HIS CARD?
ANOTHER GUEST, SIR.
HERE IT IS...
OH MY...
Lupin the Third
IT'S HUGE !!!
HM?!
AND THERE'S A LITTLE SOMETH-ING...

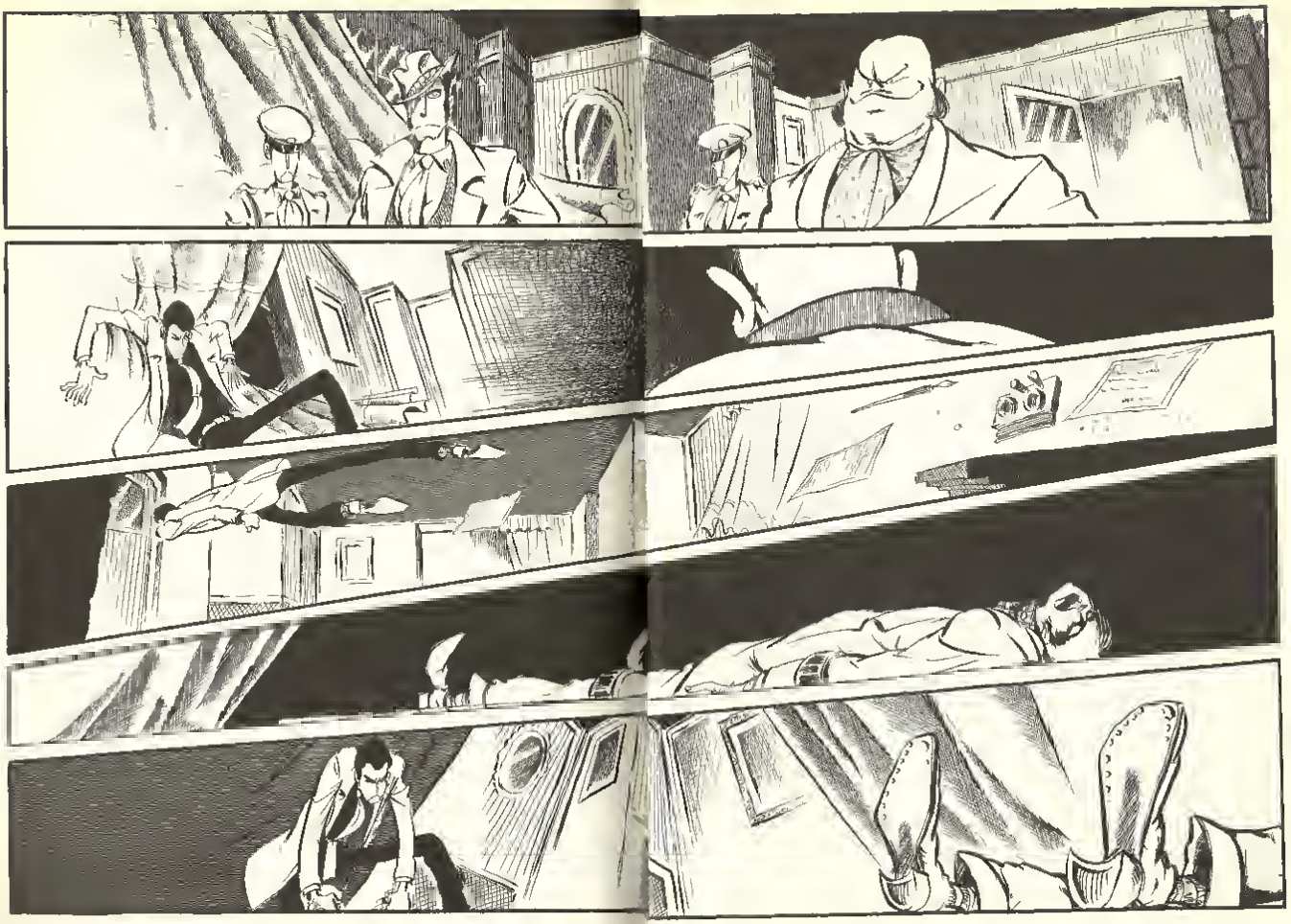
...I VOTED FOR THE OTHER GUY, YOU FAT CAT!
AND JUST TO LET YOU KNOW ...
...YOU STOLE FROM YOUR CONSTIT-UENTS.
...I WANT THE 30 MIL...
AS I SAID IN MY LETTER...
I'M GOING TO MAKE YOU SUFFER LIKE THE CORRUPT PIG YOU ARE!
...USE DRASTIC MEASURES.
IF YOU REFUSE MY REQUEST, I'LL BE FORCED TO...
GET RID OF HIM! AND CLEAN UP THIS MESS!

TRYING TO BE TRICKY, EH?!


HIS NECK'S BROKEN!

WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?

WILL YOU? THAT CERTAINLY REFLECTS A LOT OF VOTER CONFIDENCE. HA HA HA!
I'LL BE BACK TO COLLECT THE FUNDS.



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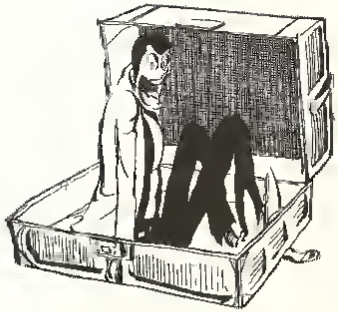
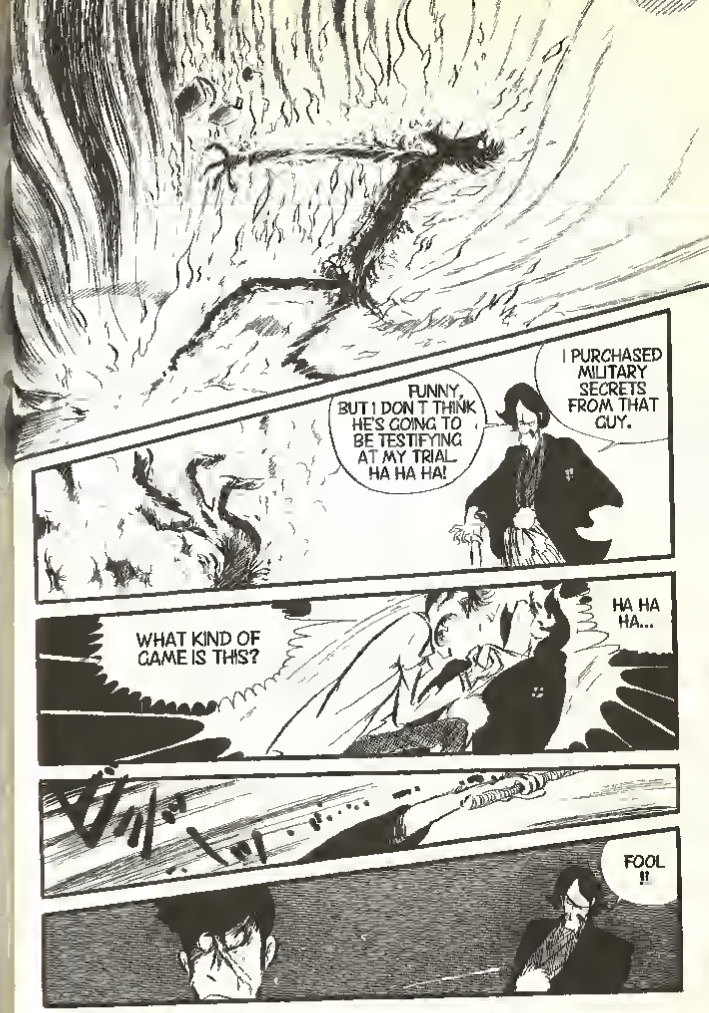
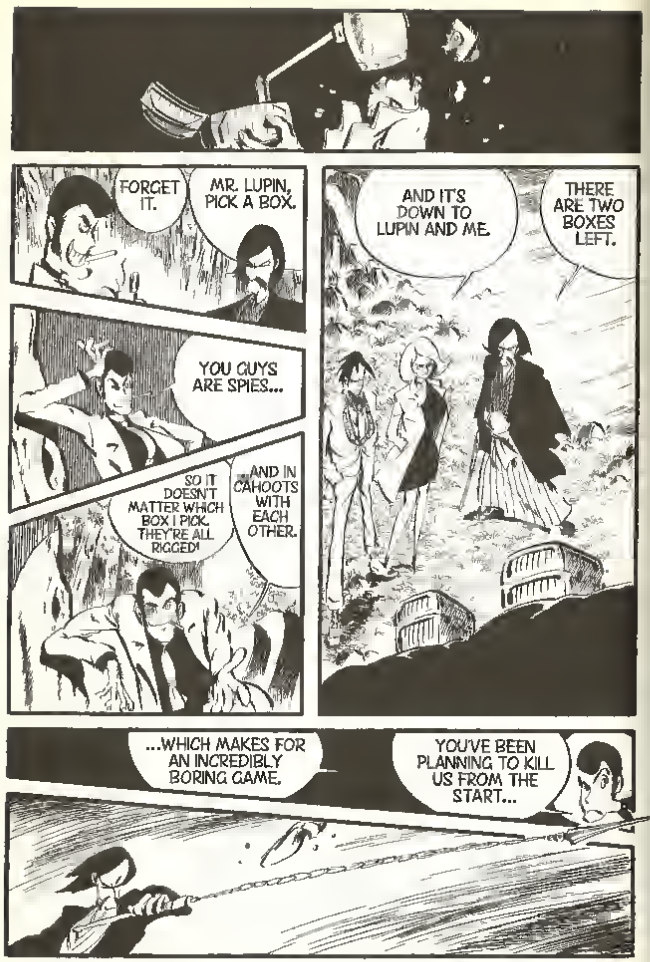
"DEAD IN A BOX"



IF THE WORLD KNEW MY COUNTRY STOLE SECRETS FROM JAPAN...
WELL ...
WE WOULDN'T BE VERY POPULAR ON THE WORLD STAGE!
SO, WE'LL PLAY THIS GAME, AND THE WINNER WILL RECEIVE ASYLUM IN MY COUNTRY.
BUT THE LOSERS RECEIVE DEATH!
I CAN'T LET THAT HAPPEN. YOU PEOPLE HAVE DIRT ON ME, AND I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH TO PAY FOR EVERYONE'S SILENCE.
I'M OUT.

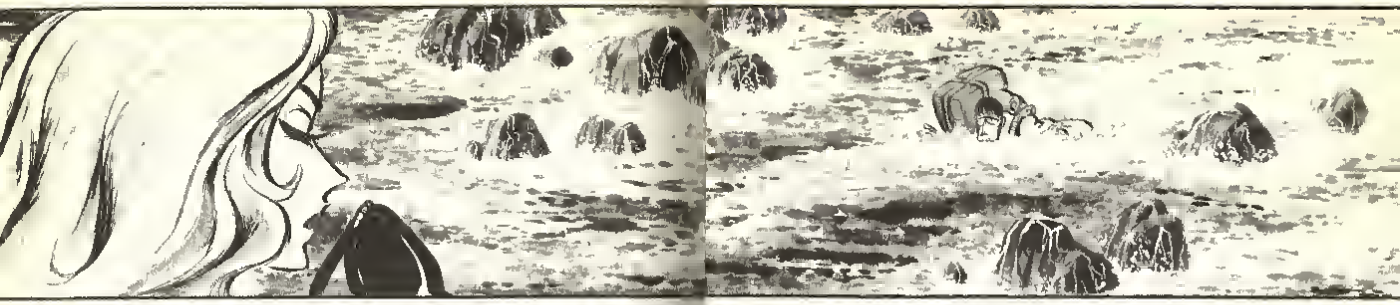

I PURCHASED MILITARY SECRETS FROM THAT GUY.
FUNNY, BUT I DON'T THINK HE'S GOING TO BE TESTIFYING AT MY TRIAL. HA HA HA!
HA HA HA...
WHAT KIND OF GAME IS THIS?
FOOL !!


FORGET IT.
MR. LUPIN, PICK A BOX.
YOU GUYS ARE SPIES...
SO IT DOESN'T MATTER WHICH BOX I PICK. THEY'RE ALL RIGGED!
...AND IN CAHOOTS WITH EACH OTHER.
AND IT'S DOWN TO LUPIN AND ME.
THERE ARE TWO BOXES LEFT.
...WHICH MAKES FOR AN INCREDIBLY BORING GAME.
YOU'VE BEEN PLANNING TO KILL US FROM THE START...

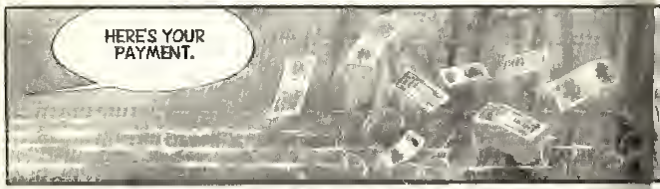
YOU CAN'T WIN IF YOU QUIT. AND YOU CAN'T LIVE IF YOU DON'T WIN.
...OFFERS THE CHANCE OF SURVIVAL. THE OTHERS OFFER HEAVEN. CHOOSE!
...AND ONLY ONE...
ONE OF THESE BOXES...

COME ON, SANBO! LET'S HIDE IN THIS BOX.
NOW THAT I KNOW THE FORMER, WHY DON'T I SEARCH FOR THE LATTER....
NO!!!... A LITTLE TO THE RIGHT...
YOU'RE LUPIN !
FUJIKO MINE! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!
STOP! DON'T TOUCH ME!
WELL, I JUST NEED TO FIND THE LOCATION OF YOUR SECRET BASE...
...AND PERHAPS THE WAY TO YOUR HEART...OR LOWER.
SAFE AT LAST.
AN INGENIOUS MEANS OF ESCAPE.
WAIT A MINUTE! ARE YOU NAKED?
UH... YEAH.
WAIT A MINUTE! ARE YOU SANBO ?!
SHE'S ONE TOUGH DAME.
HE WAS SO CLOSE TO STEALING FUJIKO'S.. HEART.
....FROM AN ALTITUDE OF 2,000 FEET.
IT SURE HURTS TO BE DUMPED ...

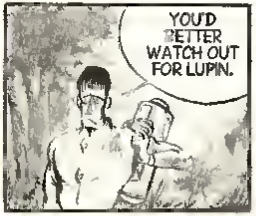
THAT FOOL. AS LONG AS THE SAFETY SWITCH IS ON...
...THE BOX OPENS SAFELY. SEE?
FUJIKO MINE... SANBO! STAND GUARD!
VOILA!
LUPIN...!!
HE'S BEEN SHOT!
WAS THAT A GUNSHOT?



I ALWAYS DO.


HERE'S YOUR PAYMENT.

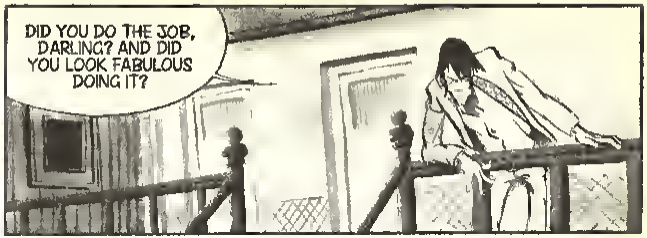
AND THERE'S YOUR CUT.

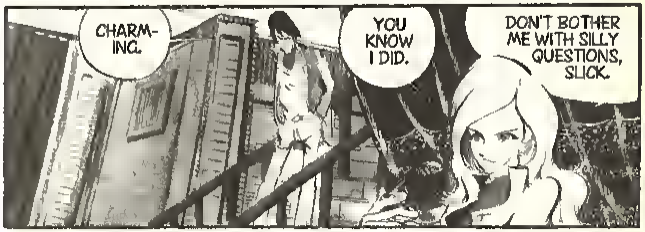

YOU'D BETTER WATCH OUT FOR LUPIN.

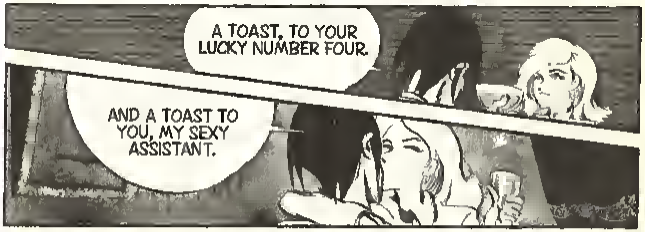
YES. PUT IT IN THE CAR.
IS THIS WHAT YOU WANTED ?

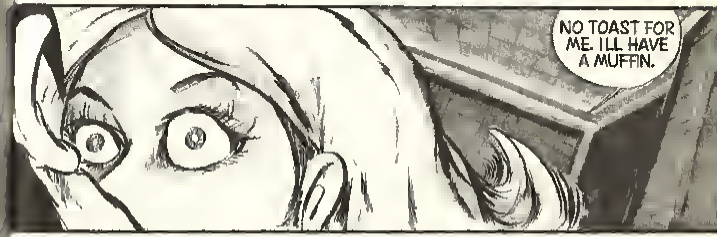
HOW DID THINGS GO?

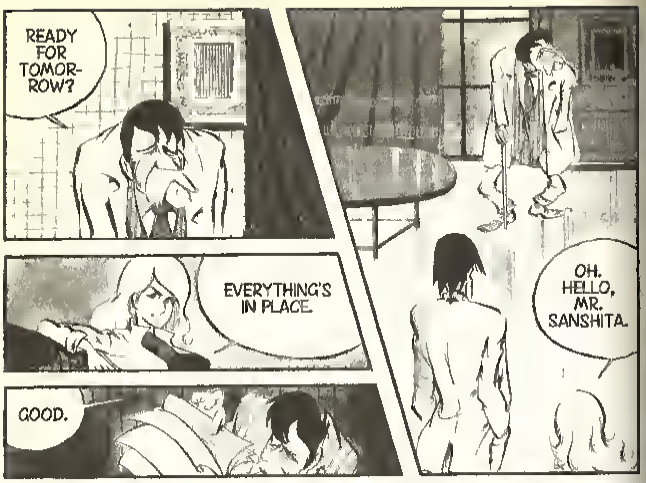
THAT'S GOOD.
BE CAREFUL WITH THE TRUNKS.

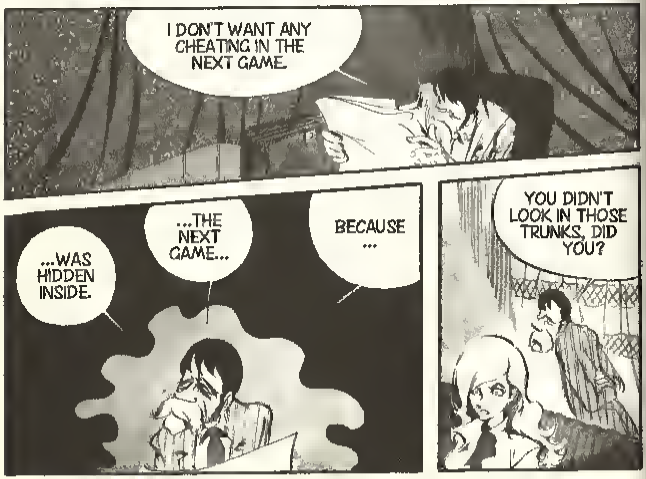

DID YOU DO THE JOB, DARLING? AND DID YOU LOOK FABULOUS DOING IT?

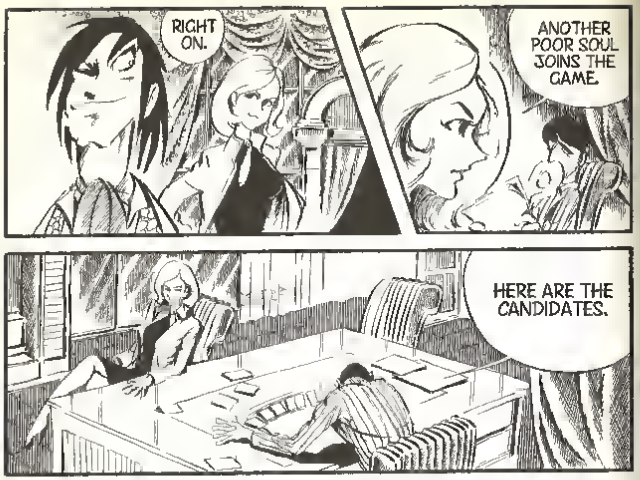

CHARM-ING.
YOU KNOW I DID.
DON'T BOTHER ME WITH SILLY QUESTIONS, SLICK.


A TOAST, TO YOUR LUCKY NUMBER FOUR.
AND A TOAST TO YOU, MY SEXY ASSISTANT.

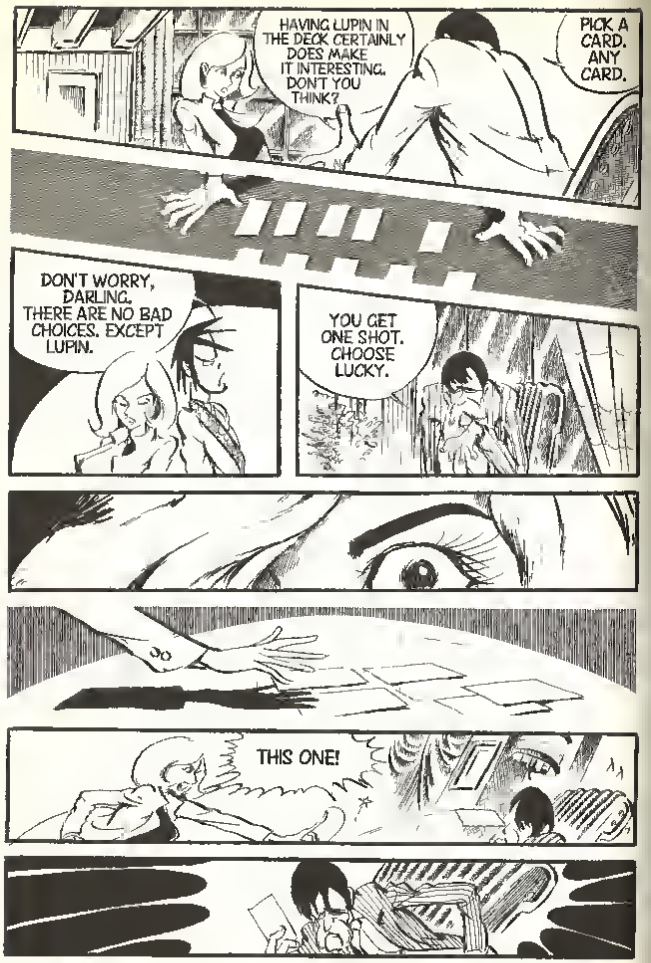

NO TOAST FOR ME. I'LL HAVE A MUFFIN.


READY FOR TOMOR-ROW?
EVERYTHING'S IN PLACE.
GOOD.
OH. HELLO, MR. SANSHITA.

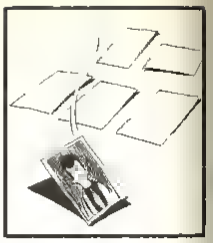

I DON'T WANT ANY CHEATING IN THE NEXT GAME.
...WAS HIDDEN INSIDE.
...THE NEXT GAME...
BECAUSE ...
YOU DIDN'T LOOK IN THOSE TRUNKS, DID YOU?


...ONE LITTLE PROBLEM.
THERE IS...
ONE OF OUR SCHEDULED PARTICIPANTS CANCELED LAST MINUTE.
WE HAVE TEN CANDIDATES HERE. I WANT YOU TO PICK ONE.
...WE CAN'T PLAY WITHOUT THE FULL FOUR.
AS YOU KNOW ...
WHOEVER YOU PICK, THAT'S WHO WE USE.
THERE WILL BE NO SECOND CHOICES. IT'S ALL UP TO YOU.
...AND DECIDED TO ADD A PLAYER.
SO WE TOOK A VOTE...
IT'S PURELY RANDOM.
I HAVE NO IDEA WHO YOU WILL SELECT.

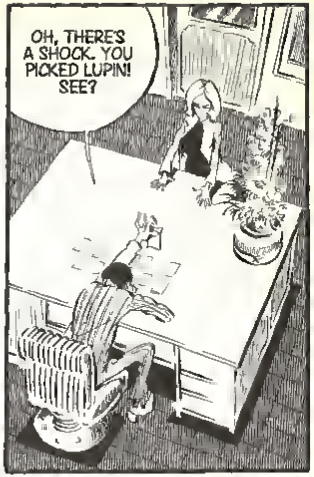
RIGHT ON.
ANOTHER POOR SOUL JOINS THE GAME.
HERE ARE THE CANDIDATES.


HAVING LUPIN IN THE DECK CERTAINLY DOES MAKE IT INTERESTING. DON'T YOU THINK?
PICK A CARD. ANY CARD.
DON'T WORRY, DARLING. THERE ARE NO BAD CHOICES. EXCEPT LUPIN.
YOU GET ONE SHOT. CHOOSE LUCKY.
THIS ONE!

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE KIYOMOTO CLAN...
PRESIDENT KOTANI OF HANAYAMA GROUP ..
AN IMPRESSIVE LINEUP !!
WHAT'S WRONG ?
LUPIN IS ONE OF THE CANDIDATES!
TIME TO CHOOSE.



...SO HANDSOME.
AND ALL...
ALL LUPIN.

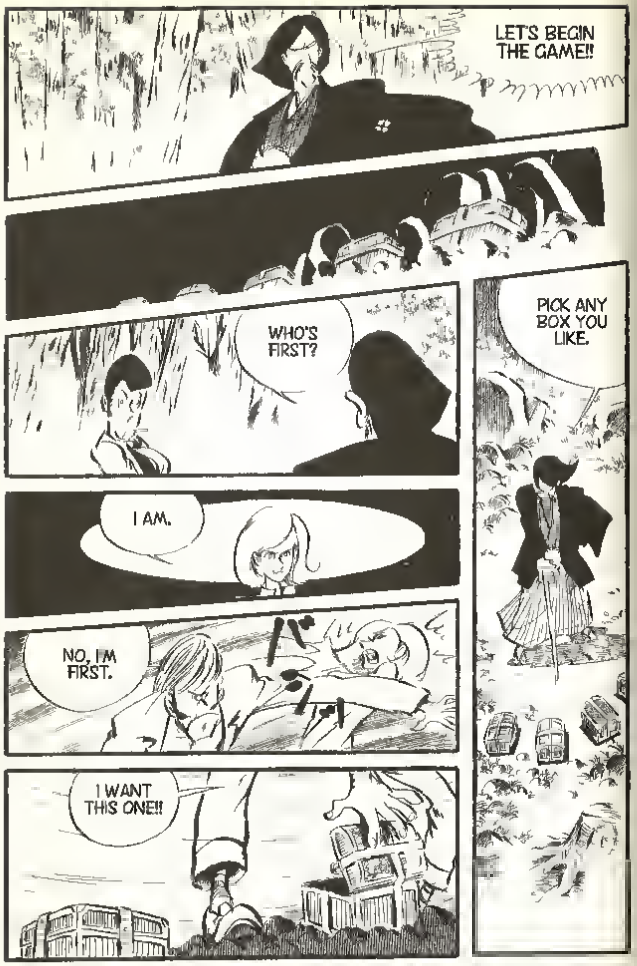

OH, THERE'S A SHOCK. YOU PICKED LUPIN! SEE?

LET HER PICK AGAIN.
THAT'S NOT FAIR.

FINE, YOU STUBBORN OLD MAN.
AND BREAK THE RULES? NEVER!

AND YOU NEED NO INTRODUCTION, BUT I WILL GIVE YOU ONE ANYWAY. YOU'RE LUPIN III!
I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH A DISGUSTING ASSEMBLAGE OF MEN!
UGH ...
EACH ONE READY TO SELL OUT HIS FRIENDS, FAMILY AND COUNTRY FOR THE PRICE OF A NICKEL!
AND YOU! A MILITARY MAN THROUGH AND THROUGH. SELLING SECRETS TO FOREIGN NATIONS AS A DUPLICITOUS DOUBLE AGENT. YOU DO YOUR COUNTRY PROUD, SOLDIER.

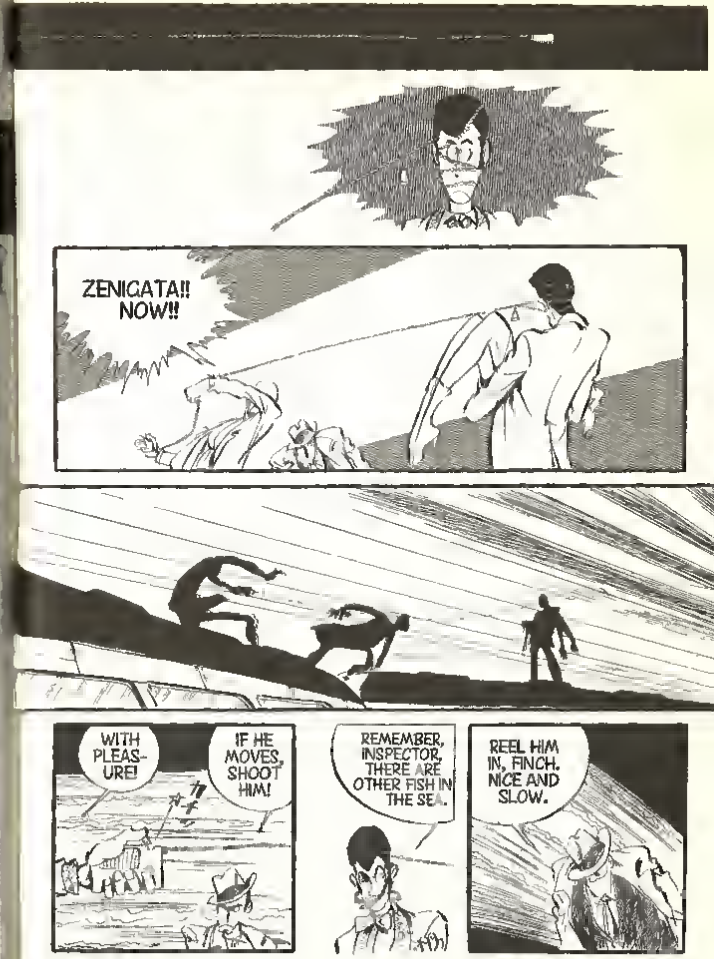
THE PRESIDENT OF TAISHO PHARMACEUTICALS. YOU'VE CATAPULTED YOUR COMPANY TO THE TOP OF THE FIELD BY FORCING YOUR EMPLOYEES TO TEST DRUGS ON THEMSELVES. HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE YOU KILLED OVER THE YEARS?
HA HA HA!
...WILL WIN THE CHANCE TO ESCAPE PROSECUTION AND A PAINFUL DEATH.
YOU ARE ALL CRIMINALS WANTED BY THE POLICE. BUT ONLY ONE OF YOU...

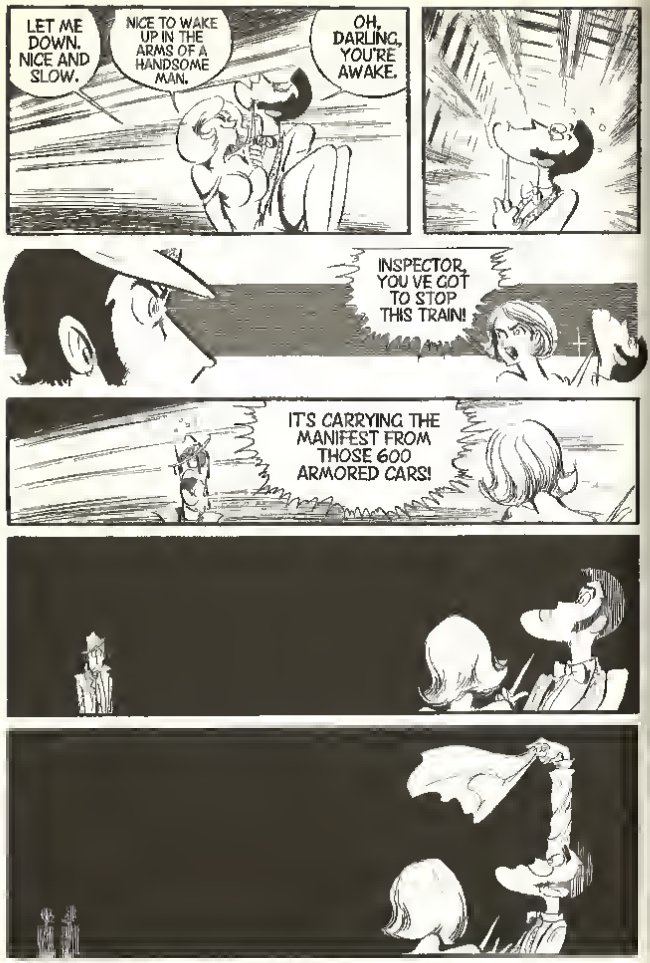

LET'S BEGIN THE GAME!!
WHO'S FIRST?
I AM.
NO, I'M FIRST.
I WANT THIS ONE!!
PICK ANY BOX YOU LIKE.

HA HA HA! YOU WANT TO KNOW WHERE I'M FROM?
I'M FROM A PLACE FAR BETTER THAN JAPAN...
...A PLACE FAR EASIER TO LIVE IN PEACE!
WHY HAVE YOU BEEN ATTEMP-TING...
QUES-TIONS? I'VE GOT A TON OF 'EM.
...TO PURCHASE JAPAN'S CORPORATE AND MILITARY SECRETS?
AND WHY DO YOU PUT ON THE AIR OF BEING JAPANESE BUT ARE NOT?
IT SADDENS ME THAT THE SEEDS OF JAPAN CAN BEAR SUCH SOUR FRUIT.
STOP LECTURING AND GET ON WITH THE GAME.
DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS BEFORE WE BEGIN?
FINE.

CHAPTER 84

"THE LUPIN WHO LOVED ME"

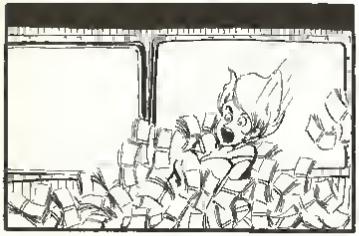

ZENIGATA!! NOW!!
WITH PLEASURE!
IF HE MOVES, SHOOT HIM!
REMEMBER, INSPECTOR, THERE ARE OTHER FISH IN THE SEA.
REEL HIM IN, FINCH. NICE AND SLOW.

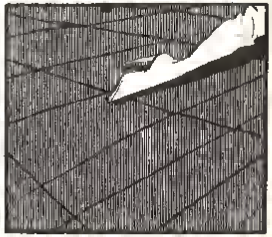

LET ME DOWN. NICE AND SLOW.
NICE TO WAKE UP IN THE ARMS OF A HANDSOME MAN.
OH, DARLING, YOU'RE AWAKE.
INSPECTOR, YOU'VE GOT TO STOP THIS TRAIN!
IT'S CARRYING THE MANIFEST FROM THOSE 600 ARMORED CARS!

DO YOU TWO HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT'S GOING ON TOPSIDE?
IT GOT ME TO THINKING. DID YOU KNOW THAT WITHIN CITY LIMITS...
AN ARMORED CAR WAS ROBBED YESTERDAY.
YOU BET IT WAS.
WHY NOT ROB ALL OF THEM IN ONE DAY? WOULDN'T THAT BE FUN?
...THERE ARE 600 ARMORED CARS IN DAILY OPERATION?

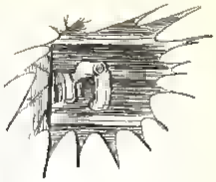
SHIT!

WHERE ARE YOU PLANNING TO GO...?

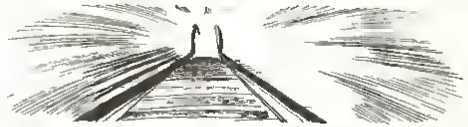




HE UNHOOK-ED THE TRAIN CARS!!



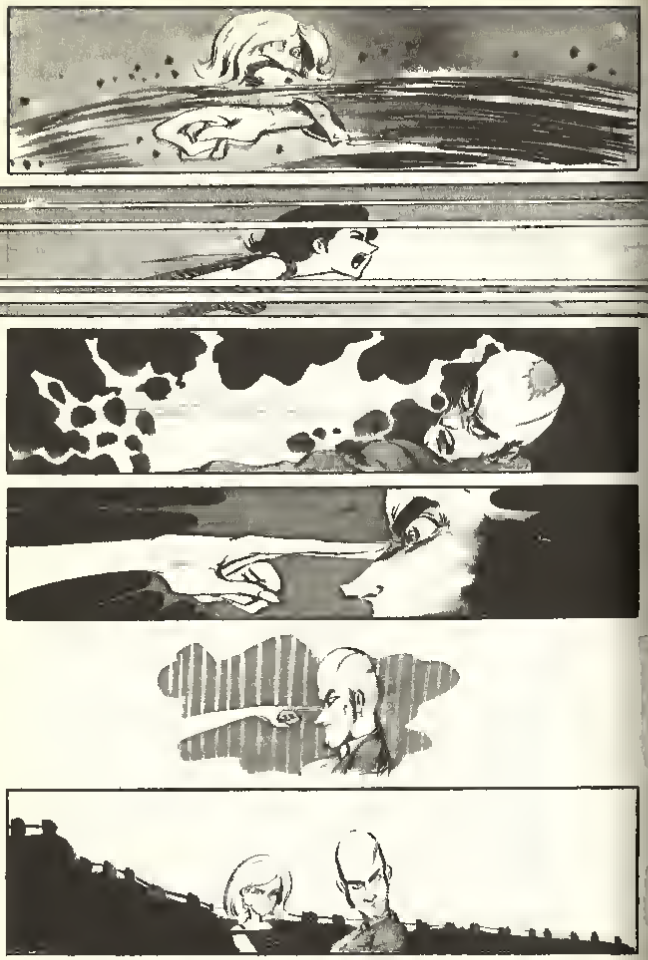
SONOF-ABITCH!!

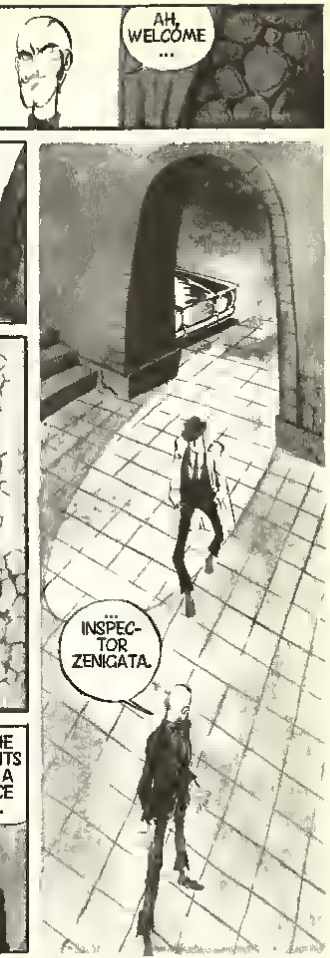


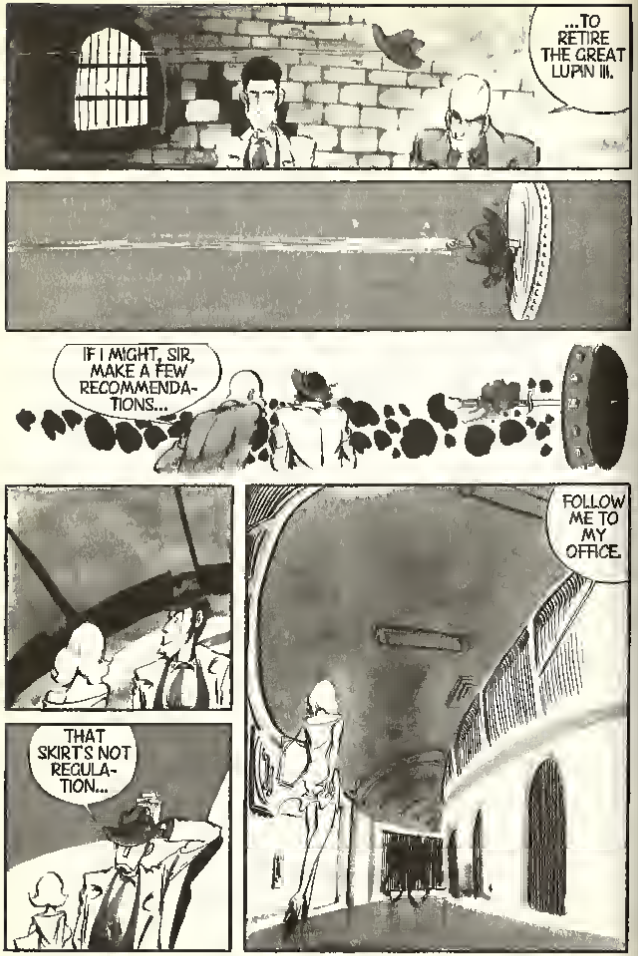
...TO SLIP THROUGH OUR FINGERS!
WE WERE SO CLOSE ...BUT HE STILL MANAGED...

THIS SORT OF THING NEVER HAPPENS TO ME!
I'M BLAMING YOU, FINCH!

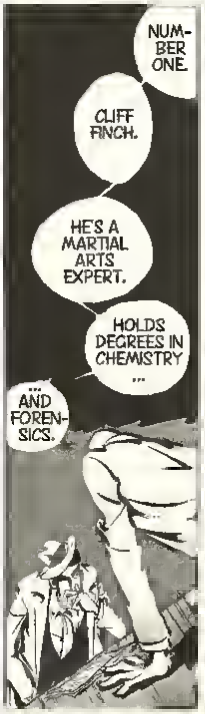
TO MY SAFE HOUSE, OF COURSE.
...AND SO IS MY LIBIDO.
THIS TRAIN IS ON AUTO PILOT...
!!
I REVERSED THE SWITCH.
WELL, I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOUR LIBIDO. BUT THIS TRAIN'S GOING BACK TO TOKYO.
YOU BITCH!
YOU REVERSED THE SWITCH?!
CUFF HIM, BOYS.




AH, WELCOME ...
AS ALWAYS, WE ARE HONORED BY YOUR VISIT.
THE ACADEMY IS ABUZZ WITH TALK OF THE NEW TASK FORCE.
ALL THE STUDENTS WANT A CHANCE ...
... INSPECTOR ZENIGATA.

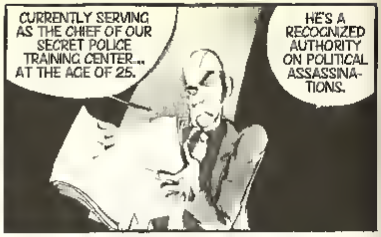

...TO RETIRE THE GREAT LUPIN III.
IF I MIGHT, SIR, MAKE A FEW RECOMMENDATIONS...
FOLLOW ME TO MY OFFICE.
THAT SKIRT'S NOT REGULATION...

...BUT IT SHOULD BE!


NUMBER ONE.
CLIFF FINCH.
HE'S A MARTIAL ARTS EXPERT.
HOLDS DEGREES IN CHEMISTRY ...
... AND FORENSICS.

BOTH OF MY RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE OUTSTANDING CREDENTIALS.

I'VE PREPARED A BRIEF HIGHLIGHTING HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND--

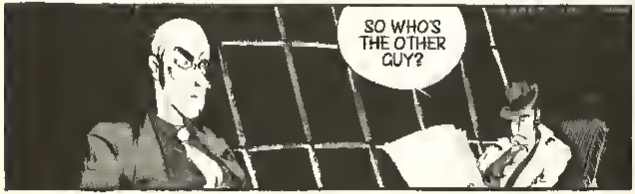

CURRENTLY SERVING AS THE CHIEF OF OUR SECRET POLICE TRAINING CENTER... AT THE AGE OF 25.
HE'S A RECOGNIZED AUTHORITY ON POLITICAL ASSASSINATIONS.

ENOUGH ALREADY!

BESIDES, I KNOW YOU'RE GOOD, FINCH.

YOU SOUND LIKE YOU'RE SELLING A USED CAR.

BUT I NEED TWO.
I ALREADY PUT YOU ON THE TEAM.


SO WHO'S THE OTHER GUY?

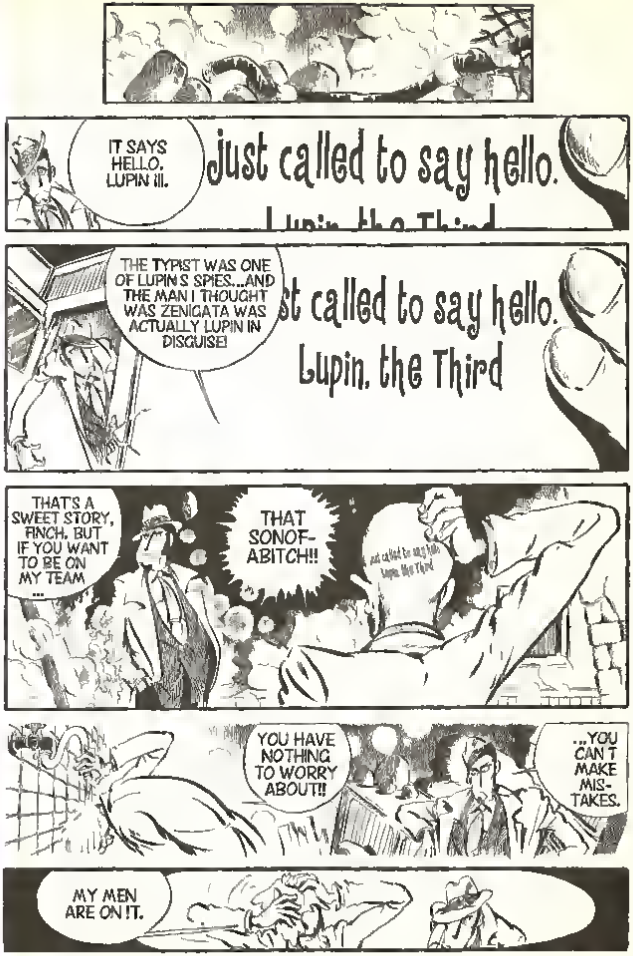
...!!
I SUGGEST YOU REMOVE YOUR HANDS FROM THE KEYS...
...AND STOP SENDING MORSE CODE MESSAGES TO...
...YOUR ASSOCIATE, LUPIN III.

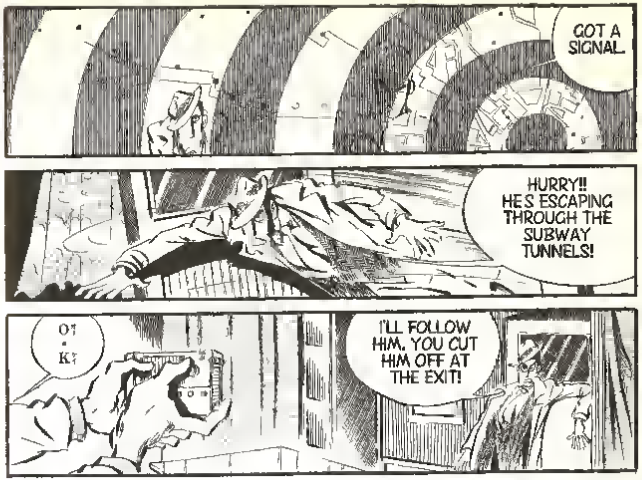
...FUJIKO MINE.
MY RIGHT HAND MAN...
A WOMAN ?!
NO WAY! NO WOMEN!
SHE WAS CHOSEN BY THE COMPUTER ...AND COMPUTERS DON'T LIE.
...FOR THE WEAKER SEX.
...LUPIN HAS A WEAK-NESS...
OUR DATA SHOWS...

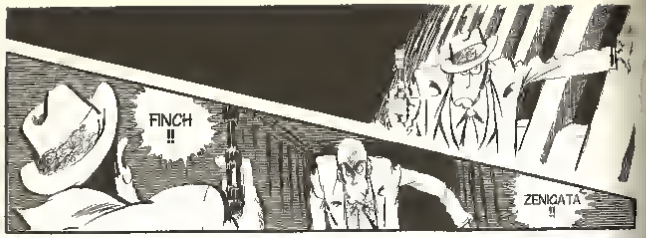
DID YOU REALLY THINK I WOULDN'T NOTICE?
NOW TALK, SWEETIE.

HEY!
CAN YOU READ IT, ZENIGATA?
WHAT DOES IT SAY?

NO ONE DOES THIS TO CLIFF FINCH!


IT SAYS HELLO. LUPIN III.
just called to say hello.
Lupin the Third
THE TYPIST WAS ONE OF LUPIN'S SPIES...AND THE MAN I THOUGHT WAS ZENIGATA WAS ACTUALLY LUPIN IN DISGUISE!
st called to say hello.
Lupin, the Third
THAT'S A SWEET STORY, FINCH. BUT IF YOU WANT TO BE ON MY TEAM ...
THAT SONOF-ABITCH!!
YOU HAVE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT!!
..YOU CAN'T MAKE MIS-TAKES.
MY MEN ARE ON IT.

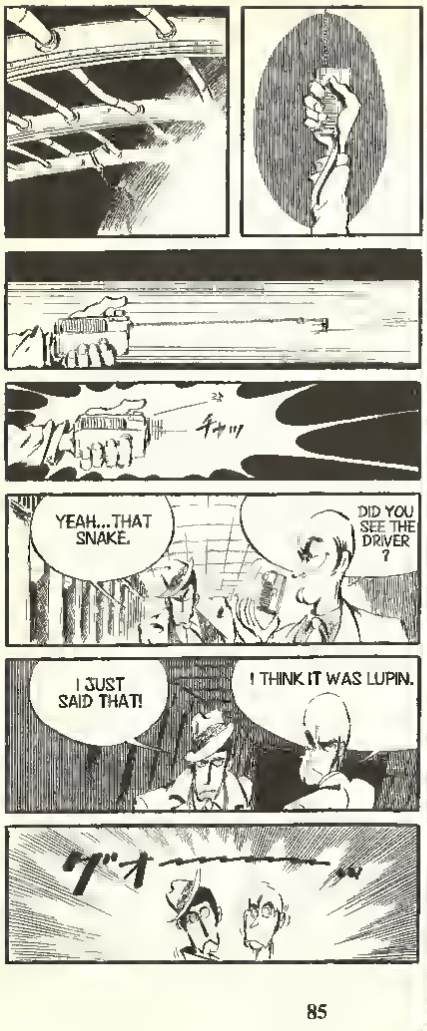

GOT A SIGNAL.
HURRY!! HE'S ESCAPING THROUGH THE SUBWAY TUNNELS!
OK?
I'LL FOLLOW HIM. YOU CUT HIM OFF AT THE EXIT!

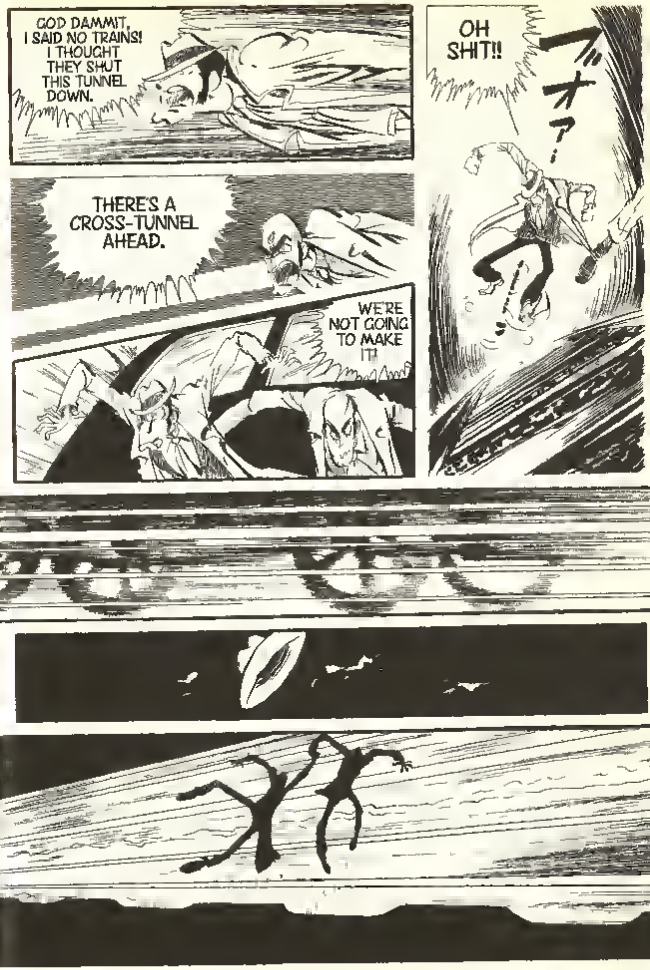

FINCH !!
ZENIGATA !!

DIDN'T SEE HER EITHER.
WHAT ABOUT FUJIKO?

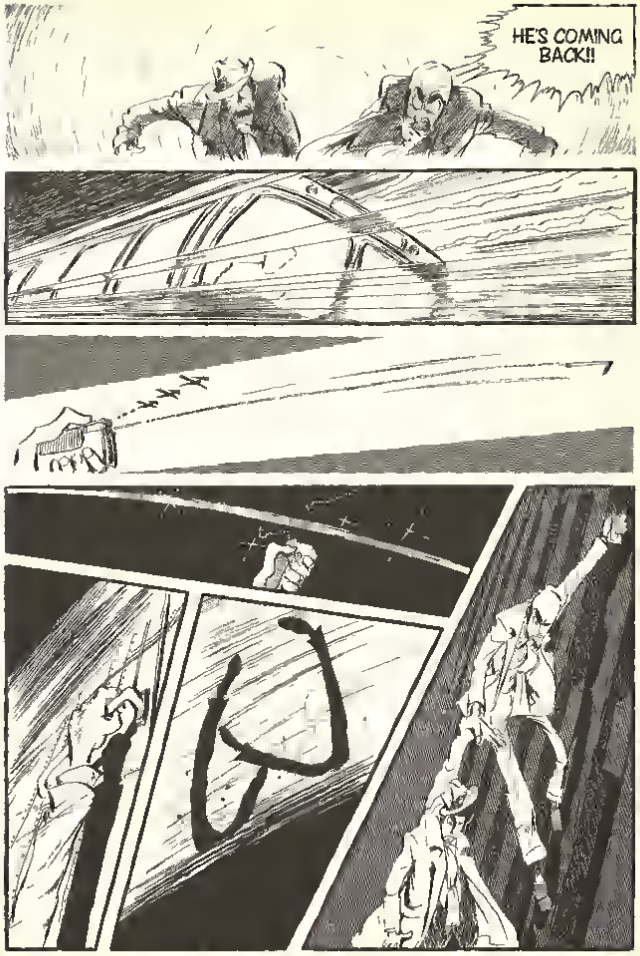
FUJIKO WAS HERE. THIS IS HER TRANSMITTER.

WHERE'S LUPIN?
WE MISSED HIM.


YEAH...THAT SNAKE.
DID YOU SEE THE DRIVER ?
I JUST SAID THAT!
I THINK IT WAS LUPIN.


GOD DAMMIT, I SAID NO TRAINS! I THOUGHT THEY SHUT THIS TUNNEL DOWN.
OH SHIT!!
THERE'S A CROSS-TUNNEL AHEAD.
WE'RE NOT GOING TO MAKE IT!

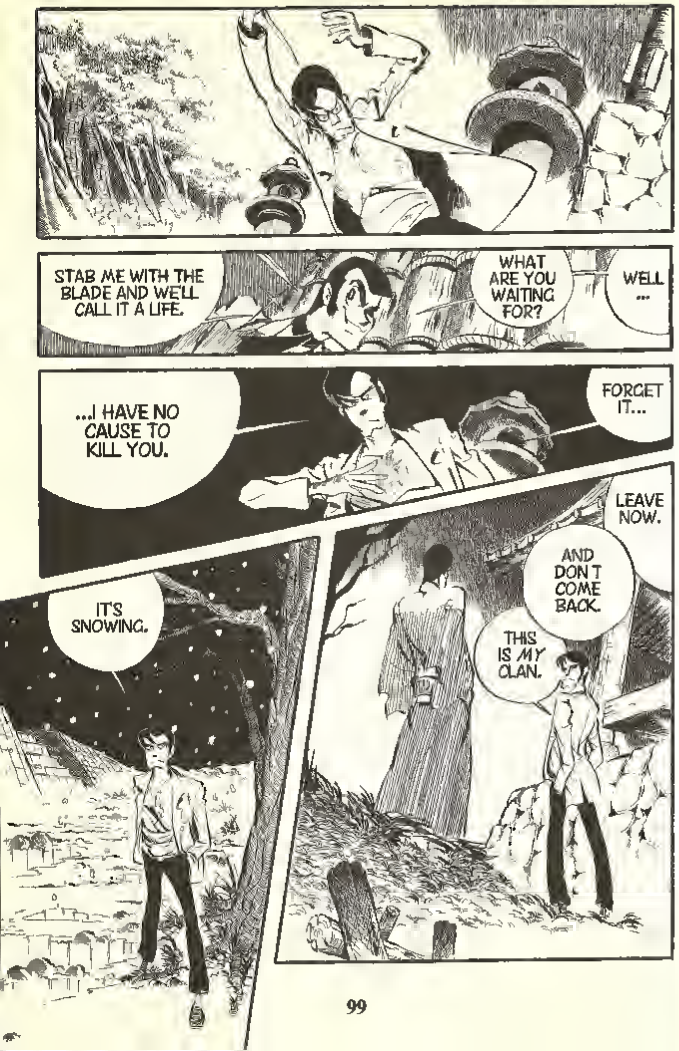
WHEN YOU'VE CHASED LUPIN AS LONG AS I HAVE, YOU GET USED TO THESE THINGS.
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
LUPIN!!
DON'T ACT SO SURPRISED. SURELY YOUR DATA'S REVEALED MY WEAKNESS FOR WOMEN--
FUJIKO!! SHE'S ALIVE!!


HE'S COMING BACK!!

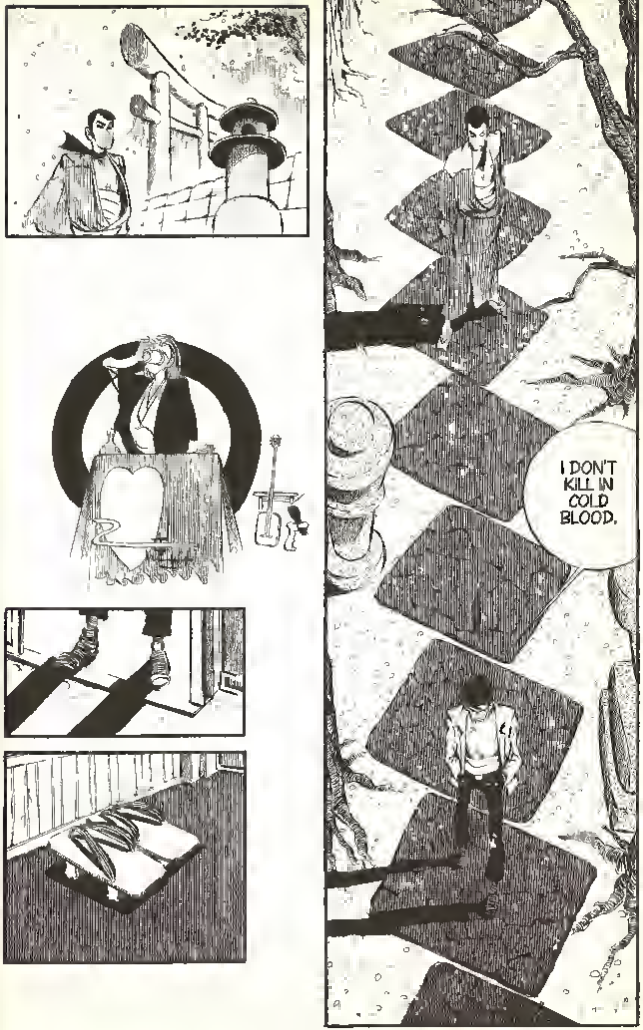
CHAPTER 85

"LUPIN'S SONG OF CHIVALRY"

IT'S JUST THE RAIN IN MY EYES!!
SHUT UP!!
ARE YOU CRYING?
...?
...


STAB ME WITH THE BLADE AND WE'LL CALL IT A LIFE.
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?
WELL ...
...I HAVE NO CAUSE TO KILL YOU.
FORGET IT...
LEAVE NOW.
AND DON'T COME BACK.
THIS IS MY CLAN.
IT'S SNOWING.

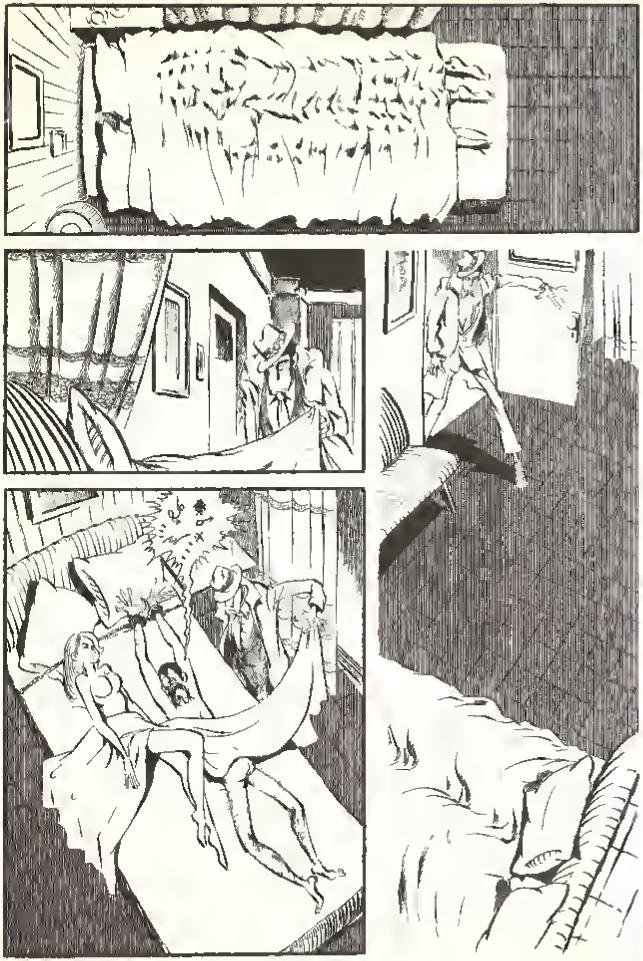
YOU BASTARD !!
I TOLD YOU NOT TO COME BACK! I GAVE YOU A CHANCE, ISEN MIHARU!
NOW YOU LEAVE IN A BOX.


I DON'T KILL IN COLD BLOOD.

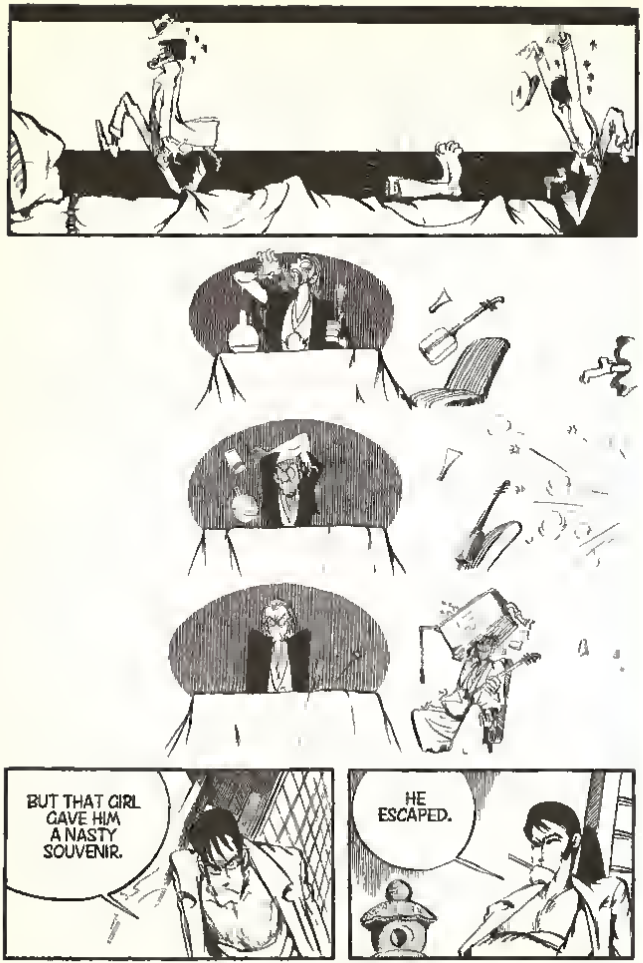
...ABOUT A MONTH AGO...?
I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE IT.
NO CONNIVING. NO TRICKS.
...WILL SLEEP WITH ME ...
A WOM-AN.
...ON HER OWN FREE WILL.

THE BASEMENT DEPOSITORY.
WHERE DID HE HIT US THIS TIME ?
THE BLACK SERPENT...
MY GOLD, MY JEWELRY, MY ENTIRE FORTUNE... GONE.
REMINDS ME OF ANOTHER GUY.
THIS SERPENT IS SLICK. HARD TO CATCH...
DID YOU HEAR WHAT HAPPENED...

NOT ALL GIRLS NEED TO BE TAKEN BY FORCE. THAT'S JUST A MONKEY PUNCH FANTASY.
BUT IT'S SO EASY... SO CONSENSUAL... WHERE'S THE FUN?
...IT'S GONNA COST YOU SOMETHING.
THEY SAY IF SOMETHING'S TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE...
IT TAKES YOU AWHILE, BUT YOU CAN ALWAYS FIGURE WOMEN OUT, LUPIN-SAN.

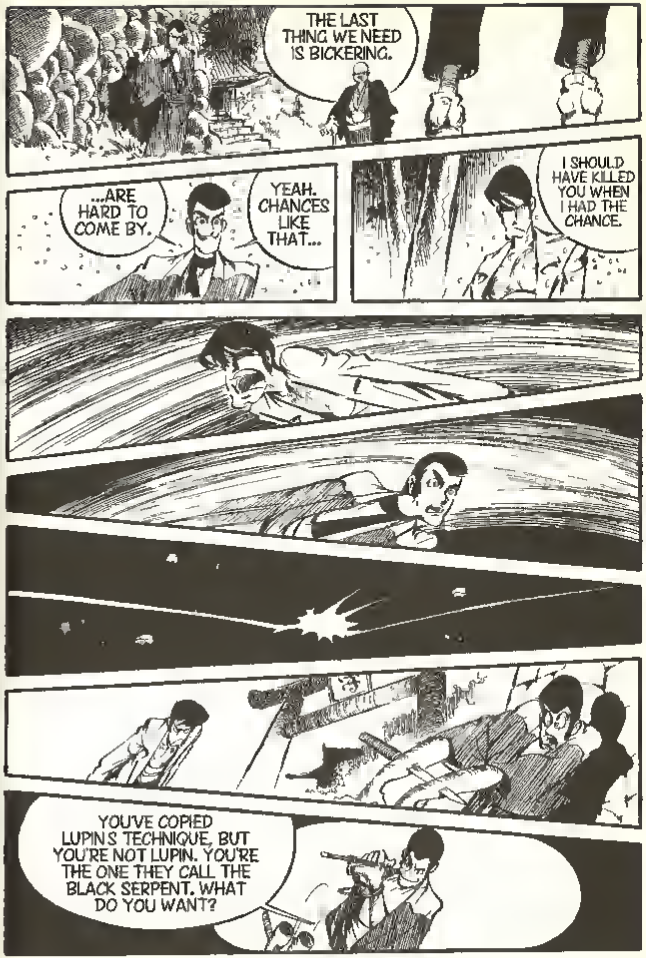


HOW DID YOU DO IT?
HE'S OUT COLDER THAN A DRUNKEN PENGUIN.
AND AS FOR MY REWARD, INSPECTOR ZENIGATA...
WANNA SHOW ME YOUR TECHNIQUE?
GET THIS PERVERT OUT OF HERE!!
WHAT ARE YOU ALL STANDING AROUND FOR?!
HURRY UP!!


BUT THAT GIRL GAVE HIM A NASTY SOUVENIR.
HE ESCAPED.

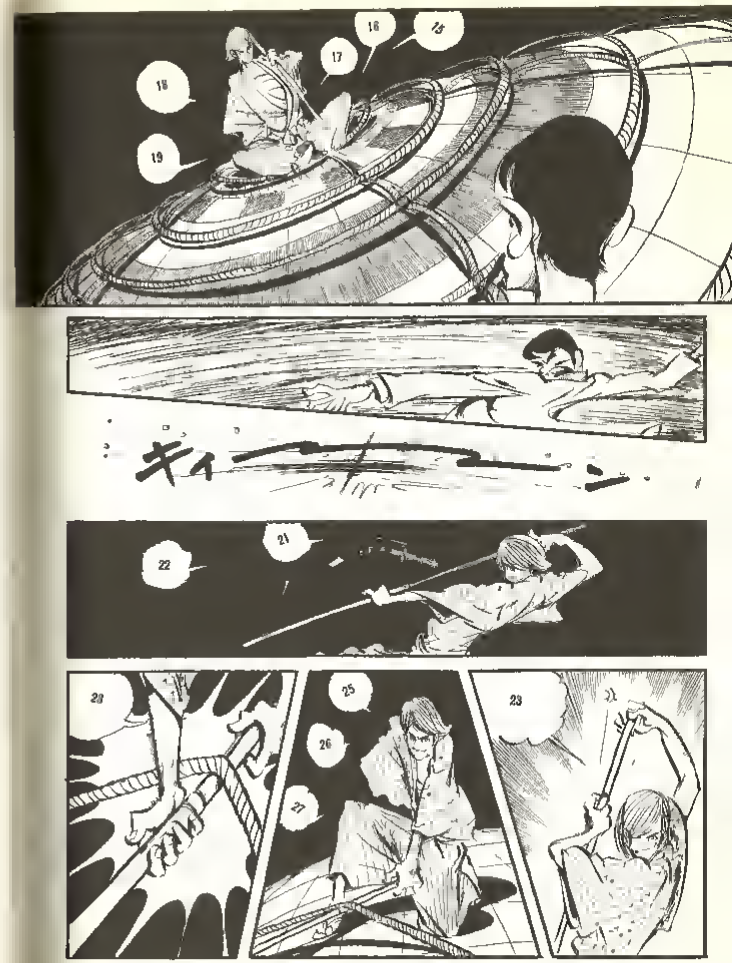
THE HANDCUFFS!
HERPES ?
HE CAN'T USE HIS HANDS!
EVEN LUPIN WON'T GET THEM OFF.
HIGH DENSITY POLYMER ...
THOSE CUFFS WERE PROTO-TYPES...
...AND I'VE NEVER SEEN YOUR HANDS.
YOU JOINED THIS CLAN A MONTH AGO...
ANY COM-MENT, ISEN?
WHAT ...I'M LUPIN?
HA HA HA.
WELL, ARE YOU?
IF I AM, I MUST BE ONE HELL OF A HOUDINI.
YOU TWO... STOP IT!

THE BOSS OF THIS CLAN KILLED MY FATHER WHEN I WAS SIXTEEN.
AH... REVENGE.
I'VE PINNED MY CARD TO THE MAIN COURSE.
THE ROBBERIES WERE ONLY APPETIZERS.
A BAD THIEF.
I THOUGHT YOU WERE A THIEF.
LET MY FATHER REST IN PEACE.
LET THE SERPENT STRIKE.
KILL ME, AND MY FATHER'S DISHONOR BECOMES YOURS.


THE LAST THING WE NEED IS BICKERING.
...ARE HARD TO COME BY.
YEAH. CHANCES LIKE THAT...
I SHOULD HAVE KILLED YOU WHEN I HAD THE CHANCE.
YOU'VE COPIED LUPIN'S TECHNIQUE, BUT YOU'RE NOT LUPIN. YOU'RE THE ONE THEY CALL THE BLACK SERPENT. WHAT DO YOU WANT?

CHAPTER 86

"HONOR AMONG THIEVES - PART I: RED HOT AIR"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A JAPANESE CITIZEN THREATENING THE PRESIDENT OF A SOVEREIGN NATION...
HURRY UP AND UNTIE ME!
...THIS COULD BE CONSIDERED AN INTERNATIONAL INCIDENT!
IN DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES...
...IS A DIRECT VIOLATION OF THE WORLD CODE.
THESE CRIMES...
THREATENING THE PRESIDENT'S LIFE...DEFACING THE NATIONAL BALLOON...

WAIT!!
...ARE PUNISHABLE BY DEATH!!
THE SECOND YOU SHOOT ME, THIS ROCK IS DROPPING!
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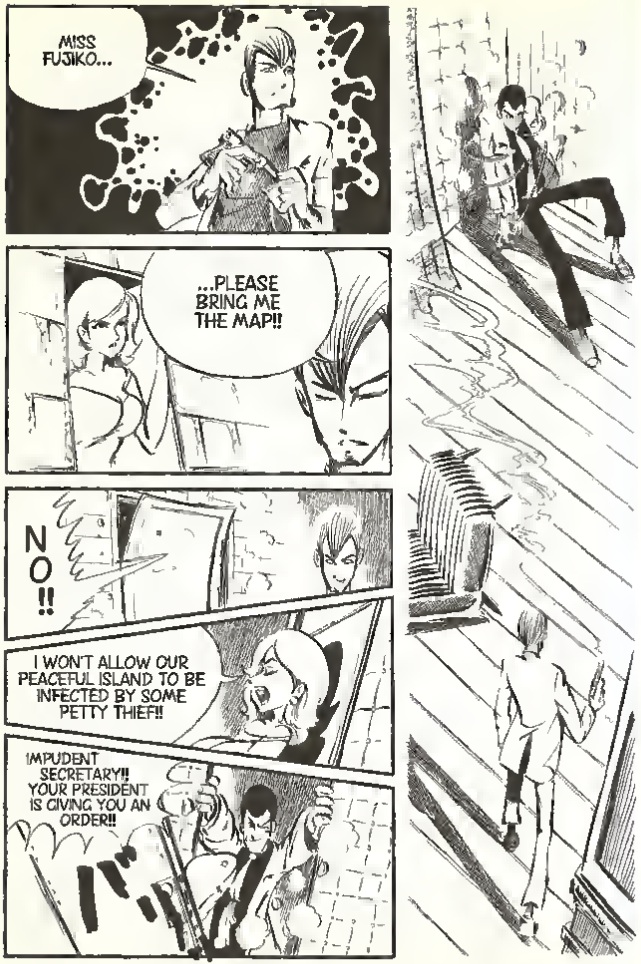
MISS FUJIKO...
...PLEASE BRING ME THE MAP!!
NO!!
I WON'T ALLOW OUR PEACEFUL ISLAND TO BE INFECTED BY SOME PETTY THIEF!!
IMPUDENT SECRETARY!! YOUR PRESIDENT IS GIVING YOU AN ORDER!!
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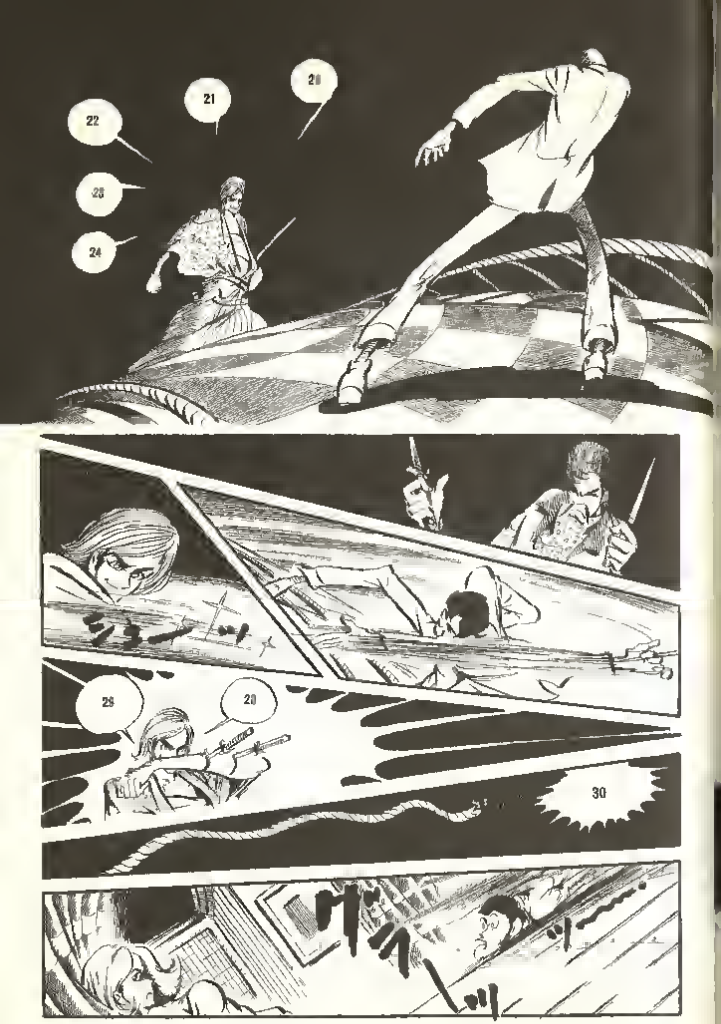
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HERE'S YOUR MAP.
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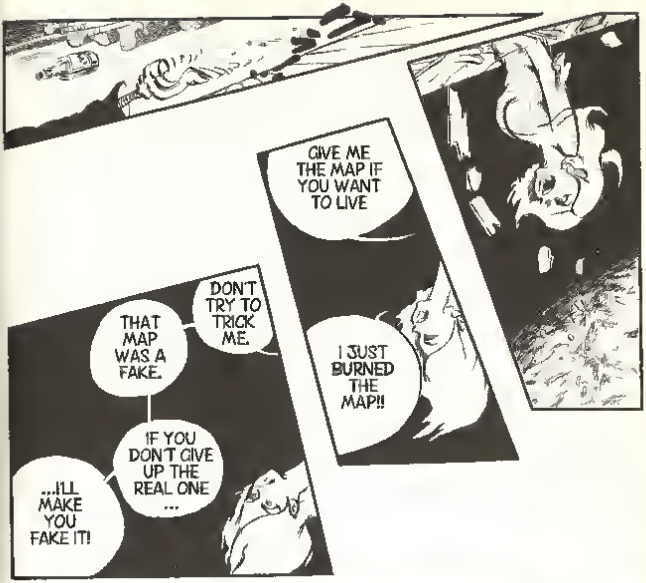

GIVE ME THE MAP IF YOU WANT TO LIVE
I JUST BURNED THE MAP!!
DON'T TRY TO TRICK ME.
THAT MAP WAS A FAKE.
IF YOU DON'T GIVE UP THE REAL ONE ...
...I'LL MAKE YOU FAKE IT!

I'M GONNA DO IT...
SHALL I...?
I'M DOING IT!
AL-RIGHT THEN!

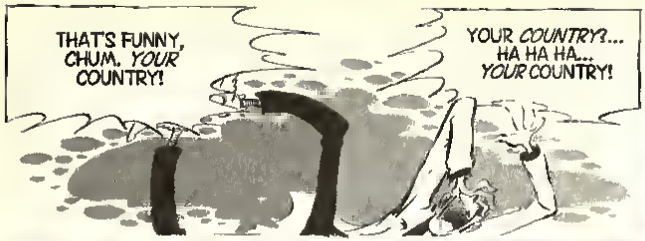
...
...!!

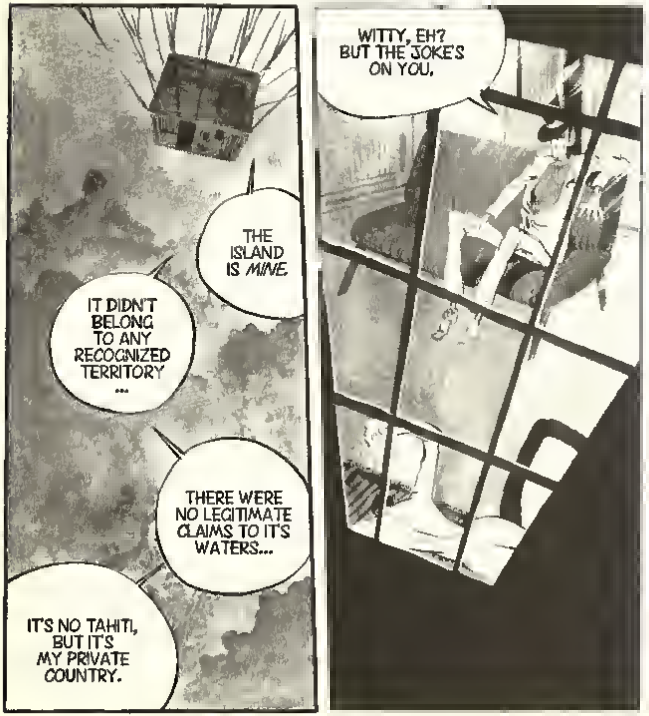
WHAT WAS THAT?
WAS IT LUPIN III?

IT'S HIM.
WHY EXERT YOURSELF? HE'LL COME TO US.

...QUITE EMPTY-HANDED.
BUT I'M AFRAID YOU'LL LEAVE HERE...
IT'S A PLEASURE TO HAVE YOU ON BOARD...

NOW, IF YOU'D BE SO KIND AS TO THROW YOURSELF OVERBOARD.
SORRY, CHUM, I NEVER LOSE HOPE.
AND I'M REALLY GETTING INTO THIS...
I WAS HOPING TO STAY AWHILE...
...READ A FEW BOOKS...
...STEAL A SMALL ISLAND...
...YOU MUST DASH YOUR HOPES.


THAT'S FUNNY, CHUM, *YOUR* COUNTRY!
YOUR *COUNTRY*?... HA HA HA... *YOUR* COUNTRY!


IT DIDN'T BELONG TO ANY RECOGNIZED TERRITORY ...
THE ISLAND IS *MINE*.
THERE WERE NO LEGITIMATE CLAIMS TO IT'S WATERS...
IT'S NO TAHITI, BUT IT'S MY PRIVATE COUNTRY.
WITTY, EH? BUT THE JOKE'S ON YOU.

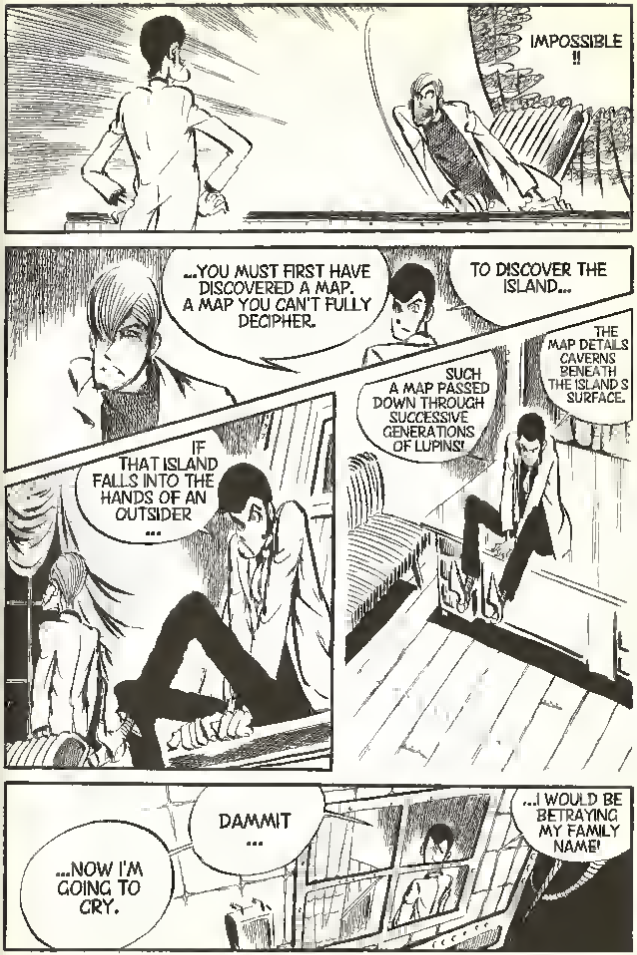
...THOUGH IT DOES HAVE SOME PLOT HOLES.

I HATE WISE GUYS! HIYAA!

...WHY ARE YOU SO RAPT WITH STEALING THIS MAP OF MY COUNTRY.
FOR CURIOSITY'S SAKE...

COMPLETE WITH U.N. CHARTER, CONSTITUTION, MAGNIFICENT OCEAN VIEWS...
A SOVEREIGN, INDEPENDENT NATION...
...AND OUR VERY OWN PRESIDENT. MOI.
SHUT THE HELL UP!!
I'VE KNOWN IT WAS INDEPENDENT AND UNCLAIMED.
I'VE KNOWN THE LOCATION OF YOUR ISLAND FOR YEARS.
THAT'S WHAT MADE IT SO VALUABLE.
BECAUSE THERE IS NO PRESIDENT!
THEN WHY DIDN'T YOU BECOME PRESIDENT?
IS THAT SO?

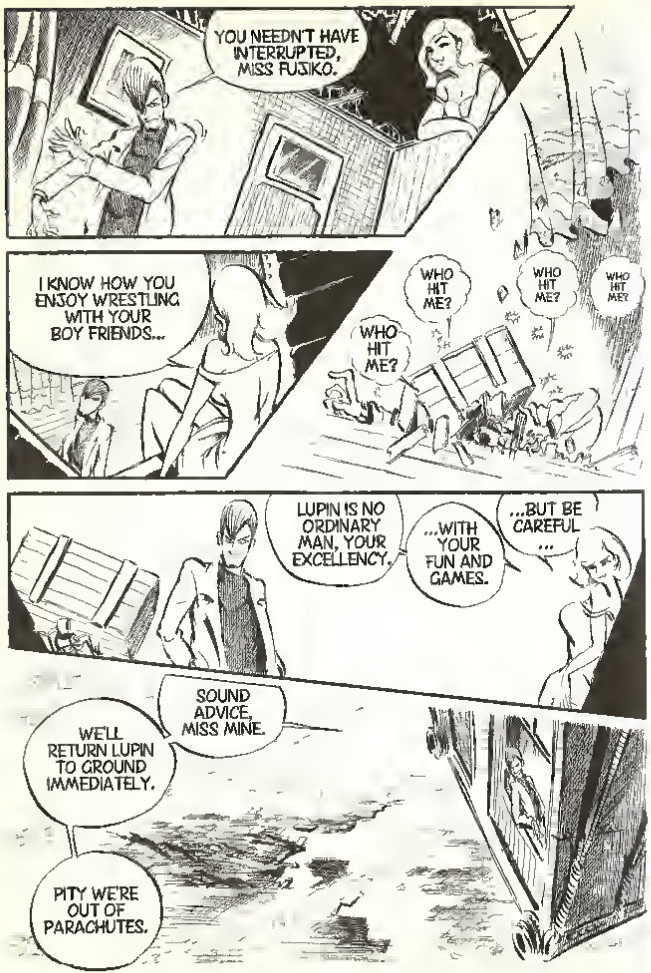
THAT ISLAND IS PERSONAL PROPERTY...
...OF THE LUPIN CLAN!


IMPOSSIBLE !!
...YOU MUST FIRST HAVE DISCOVERED A MAP. A MAP YOU CAN'T FULLY DECIPHER.
TO DISCOVER THE ISLAND...
THE MAP DETAILS CAVERNS BENEATH THE ISLAND'S SURFACE.
SUCH A MAP PASSED DOWN THROUGH SUCCESSIVE GENERATIONS OF LUPINS!
IF THAT ISLAND FALLS INTO THE HANDS OF AN OUTSIDER ...
DAMMIT ...
...NOW I'M GOING TO CRY.
...I WOULD BE BETRAYING MY FAMILY NAME!

THIS IS A VERY EMOTIONAL TOPIC FOR ME.
SO RESPECT MY FEELINGS AND GIVE THE DAMN THING BACK!!!

AND IF YOU LOVE SOMETHING, YOU GIVE IT TO ME, RIGHT? THAT'S WHAT YOU WANTED TO SAY?

I UNDER-STAND HOW YOU FEEL...
...NOT ON THE FIRST DATE.
WELL I NEVER ...
THIS BALLOON IS OFF BALANCE. GO CHECK IT OUT.
I LOVE THE ISLAND TOO.


YOU NEEDN'T HAVE INTERRUPTED, MISS FUJIKO.
I KNOW HOW YOU ENJOY WRESTLING WITH YOUR BOY FRIENDS...
WHO HIT ME?
WHO HIT ME?
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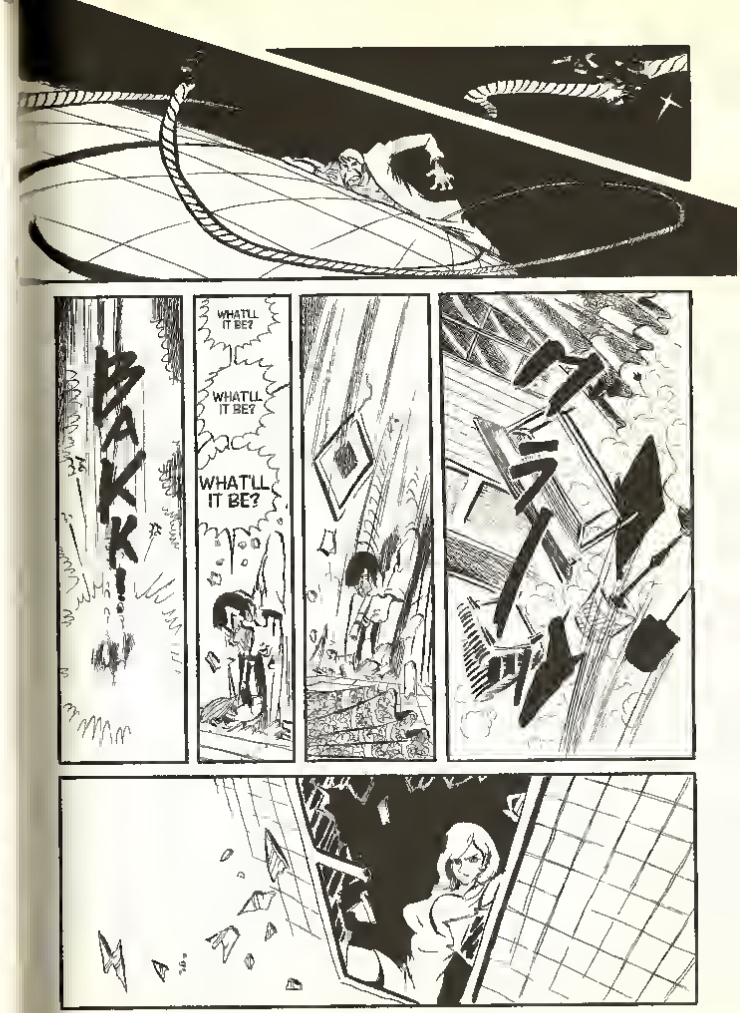
WHO HIT ME?
LUPIN IS NO ORDINARY MAN, YOUR EXCELLENCY.
...WITH YOUR FUN AND GAMES.
...BUT BE CAREFUL ...
SOUND ADVICE, MISS MINE.
WE'LL RETURN LUPIN TO GROUND IMMEDIATELY.
PITY WE'RE OUT OF PARACHUTES.


BAKK!
WHAT'LL IT BE?
WHAT'LL IT BE?
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IF YOU CUT ME LOOSE...
HE'LL JUST HAVE TO IMPROVISE!
...I'LL RETURN THE FAVOR.
I DON'T THINK THIS GONDOLA FLIES ON ITS OWN.

THAT'S WHY THE CABIN IS SHIFTING!
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DO I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION NOW, EXCELLENCY ?
THIS IS A DANGEROUS GAME YOU'RE PLAYING.
WHAT ?!
EVERY THIRTY SECONDS, MY MEN CUT ONE OF THE ROPES SECURING IT TO THE BALLOON.
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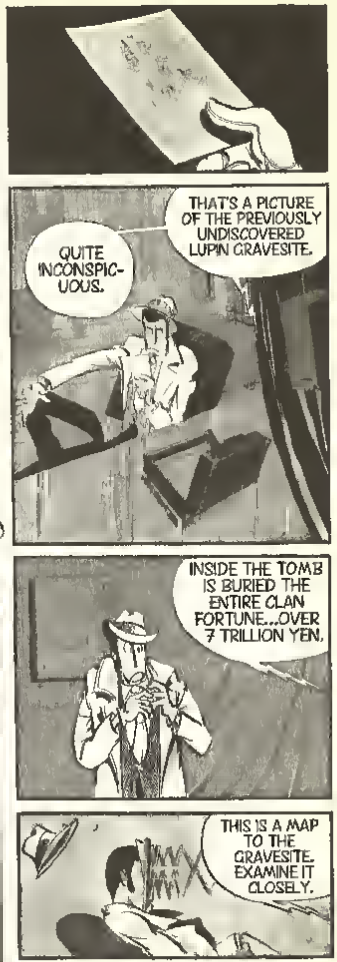
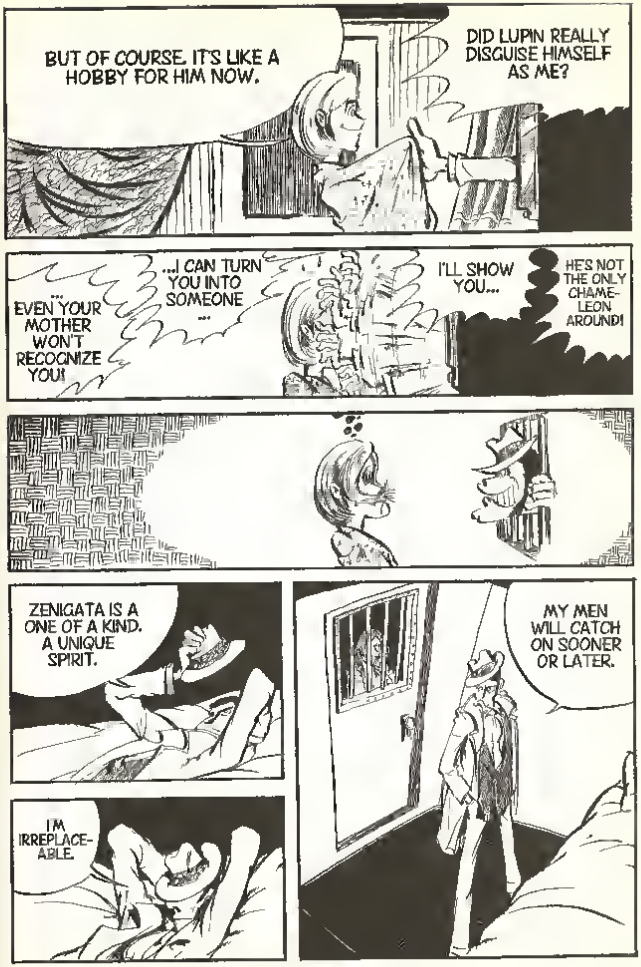
CHAPTER 97

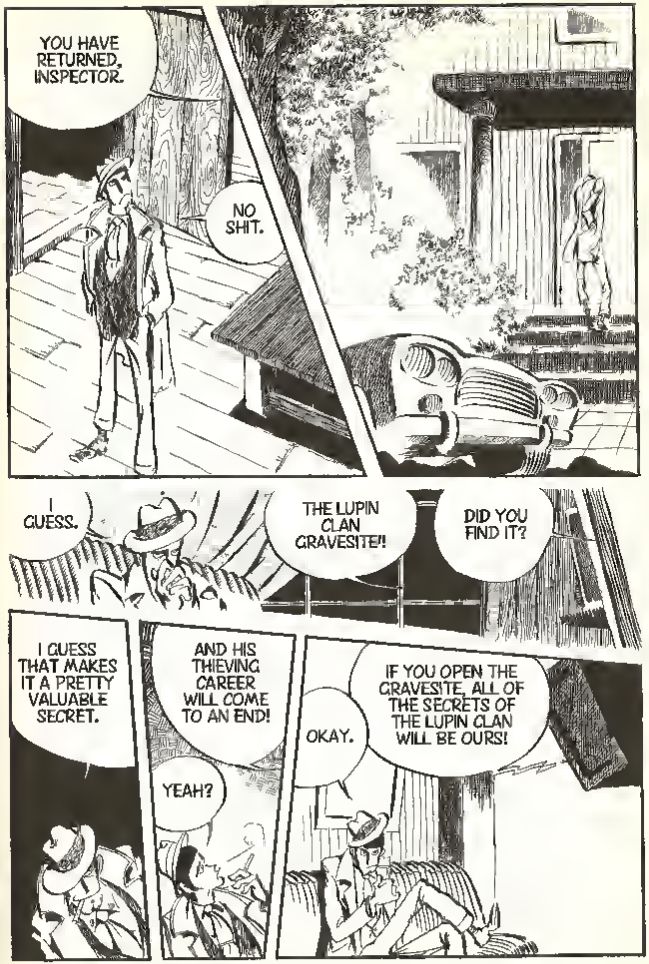
"HONOR AMONG THIEVES - PART II: INSPECTOR LUPIN"

I WONDER HOW LUPIN'S DOING.
I'M SURE HE'S FINE.
HE CARES TOO MUCH ABOUT THIS JOB TO BOTCH IT.
THERE'S NO USE STRUGGLING NOW.
JUST RELAX UNTIL LUPIN RETURNS.


THAT'S A PICTURE OF THE PREVIOUSLY UNDISCOVERED LUPIN GRAVESITE.
QUITE INCONSPICUOUS.
INSIDE THE TOMB IS BURIED THE ENTIRE CLAN FORTUNE...OVER 7 TRILLION YEN.
THIS IS A MAP TO THE GRAVESITE. EXAMINE IT CLOSELY.

THIS IS A PROBLEM.
THE PRESIDENT KNOWS ABOUT THE LUPIN CLAN GRAVESITE.
I'D LIKE TO SEE THAT.
...HIS HEAD WOULD EX-PLODE.
IF THE REAL ZENIGATA KNEW ABOUT THIS...


BUT OF COURSE, IT'S LIKE A HOBBY FOR HIM NOW.
DID LUPIN REALLY DISGUISE HIMSELF AS ME?
...EVEN YOUR MOTHER WON'T RECOGNIZE YOU!
...I CAN TURN YOU INTO SOMEONE ...
I'LL SHOW YOU...
HE'S NOT THE ONLY CHAME-LEON AROUND!
ZENIGATA IS A ONE OF A KIND. A UNIQUE SPIRIT.
I'M IRREPLACE-ABLE.
MY MEN WILL CATCH ON SOONER OR LATER.


YOU HAVE RETURNED, INSPECTOR.
NO SHIT.
I GUESS.
THE LUPIN CLAN GRAVESITE!!
DID YOU FIND IT?
I GUESS THAT MAKES IT A PRETTY VALUABLE SECRET.
AND HIS THIEVING CAREER WILL COME TO AN END!
YEAH?
OKAY.
IF YOU OPEN THE GRAVESITE, ALL OF THE SECRETS OF THE LUPIN CLAN WILL BE OURS!

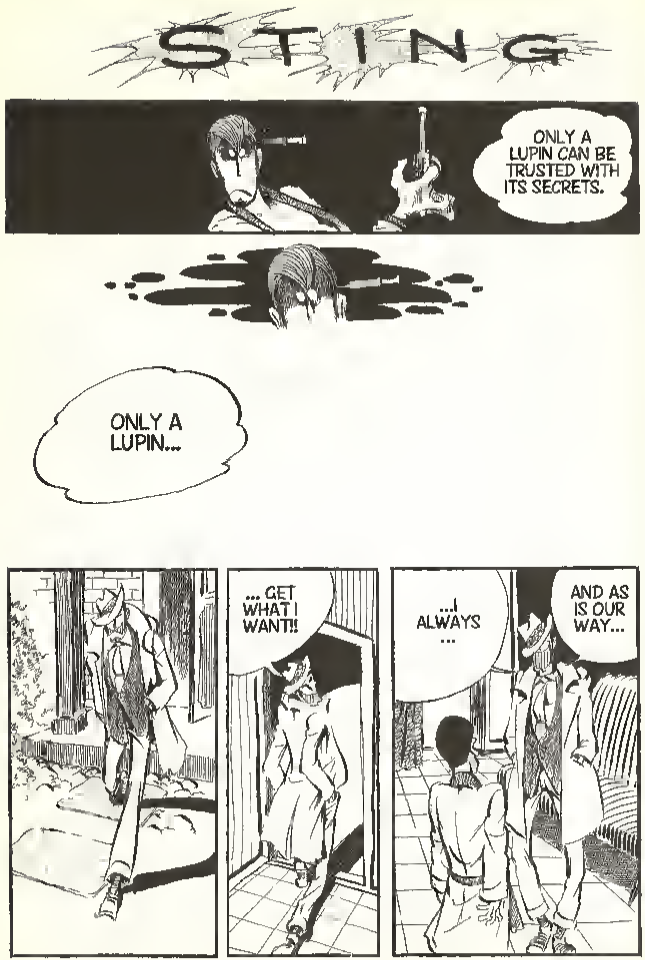
I MEAN, THAT'S THE BOY'S BIRTHRIGHT!
YOU THINK CRACKING THAT TOMB'LL BE A PIECE A CAKE?
HE'S GONNA PUT A LOTTA MUSCLE INTO KEEPING IT SAFE!
THAT'S HOW I SEE IT.
THAT'S WHY WE SHOULD OPEN IT NOW WHILE HE'S STILL UNAWARE OF OUR PLANS.
AND WHILE WE'RE UNCOVERING SECRETS...
...HOW ABOUT A LOOK...

THAT'S A CHEAP TRICK!!
YOUR EXCELLENCY!!

... AT YOUR FACE!

YOU NEED TO RELAX...
LET YOURSELF GO...
TRY THIS.
WE CAN'T HAVE PEOPLE STEPPING ON GRANDAD'S GRAVE.
AND IT NEEDS TO REMAIN A SECRET.
THAT GRAVESITE IS A FAMILY SECRET.
HOW DARE YOU!!
THIS IS THE PRESIDENT OF NATION H!!
GET ME THE CHIEF OF POLICE!!
WHO ARE YOU CALLING?

INSPECTOR ZENIGATA!!
SO YOU'RE THE ONE WHO DISCOVERED THE GRAVESITE.
...ON YOUR BUSINESS... BUT THERE'S NO REASON WE CAN'T TALK WHILE YOU WORK.
SORRY IF I'VE INTRUD-ED...
IF LUPIN KNEW... YOU'D BE A DEAD MAN.
THAT'S WHY I'VE ASKED YOU TO PROTECT ME.
I'M SURE YOU WON'T BE NEEDING THESE.
ALLOW ME.
AND THOSE PANTIES LOOK RESTRICTING.
IT'LL BE LIKE I'M NOT EVEN HERE.
WELL, GET TO IT.
CARRY ON.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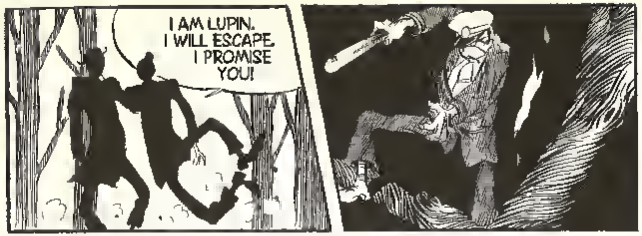
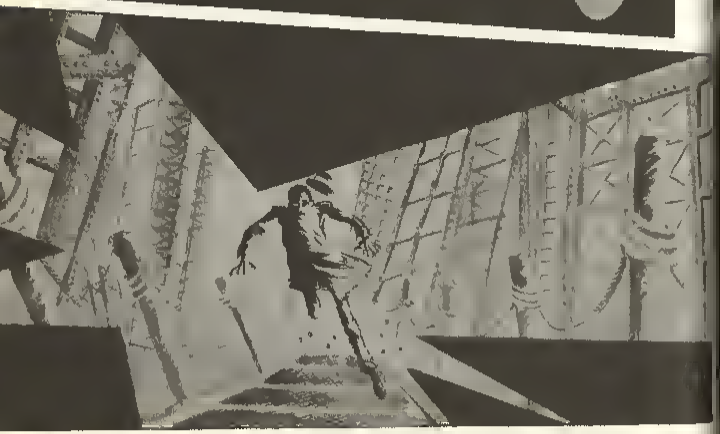
ONLY A LUPIN CAN BE TRUSTED WITH ITS SECRETS.
ONLY A LUPIN...
... GET WHAT I WANT!!
...I ALWAYS ...
AND AS IS OUR WAY...

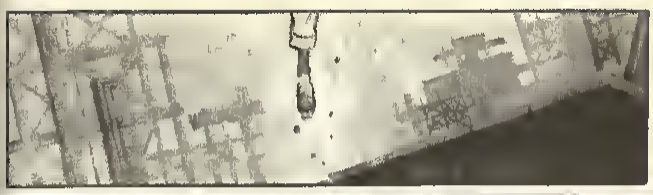
LUPIN, I PRESUME.
DO THE SMART THING, CHUM. RETURN THE ISLAND TO ITS RIGHTFUL OWNER.
...I DISCOVERED THE ISLAND... AN UNCHARTED TERRITORY.
HOW MANY TIMES MUST I TELL YOU...
I CLAIMED IT AS A SOVEREIGN NATION AND DECLARED MYSELF PRESIDENT.
YES...YES... EVEN THE U.N. RECOGNIZES YOUR LEGITIMACY.
...AND OUR ANCESTORS. IF ONLY YOU KNEW HOW MUCH IT MEANS TO ME...
BUT I DON'T! THAT ISLAND BELONGS TO ME, MY FAMILY...

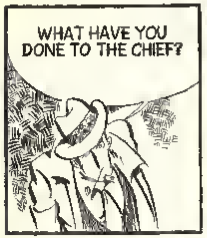


THIS SYRINGE CONTAINS A SERUM THAT MAKES THE VICTIM BELIEVE HE IS LUPIN. I USED IT ON THE PRESIDENT OF NATION H. SO AS LONG AS HE BELIEVES HE'S ME, THE GRAVESITE WILL REMAIN A SECRET.

THERE IS ONE OTHER PERSON WHO KNOWS... THAT DARLING LITTLE SECRETARY. WELL, AS FOR HER...






WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO THE CHIEF?

NOTHING. THE DISTRESS CALL WAS A FAKE. IT'S YOU I'M AFTER.

YOU'RE MY *SPECIAL* FRIEND.

YOU MAY BE AN EXPERT AT PURSUIT, INSPECTOR...
...BUT YOU'RE NOT MUCH FOR RUNNING AWAY.

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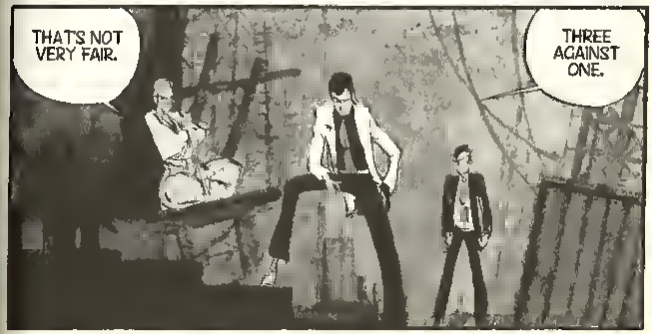
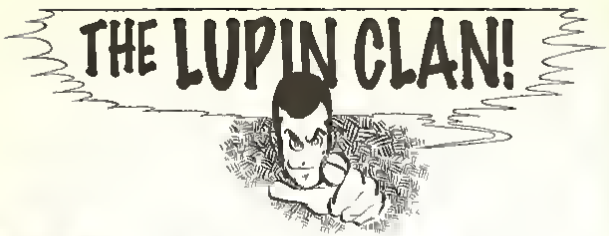

THAT'S NOT VERY FAIR.
THREE AGAINST ONE.

WHY YOU...!!
...BUT THE ODDS JUST AREN'T IN YOUR FAVOR.
I KNOW YOU'RE TOUGH...
CAREFUL, NOW, INSPECTOR.

NUMBER ONE... I WANT YOU TO SEVER ALL TIES...
...WITH THAT CHARLATAN PRESIDENT.
...AND I DON'T LIKE IT.
I KNOW YOU'RE PROTECTING HIM...
I'M GLAD YOU ASKED.
WHAT DO YOU WANT?!
...HELP ME INFILTRATE HIS ORGANIZATION BY ALLOWING ME TO DISGUISE MYSELF...
...AS THE CHARMING AND TALENTED INSPECTOR ZENIGATA!
NUMBER TWO...

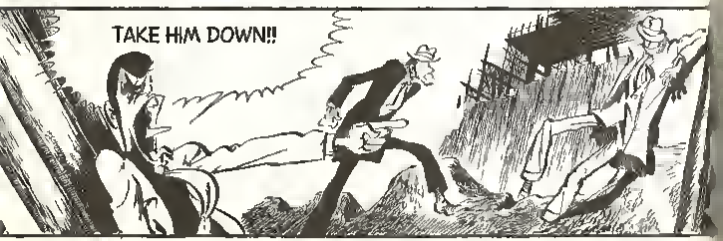

THE LUPIN CLAN!

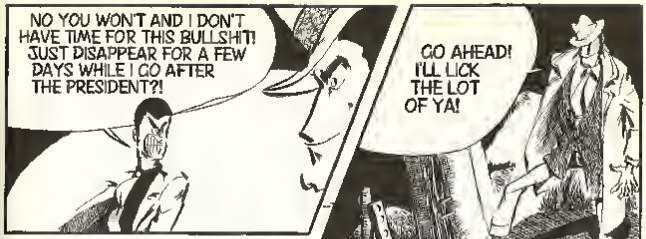
I GET IT.

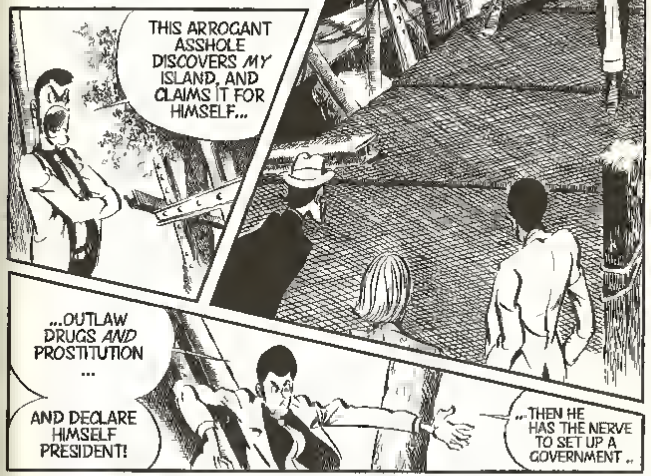
YES.
YOU WANT TO BE WHERE YOUR FAMILY BELONGS...
YOU WANT WHAT YOU DESERVE.

WELL, HEY, NO PROBLEM. I'D BE HAPPY TO TAKE YOU TO JAIL.

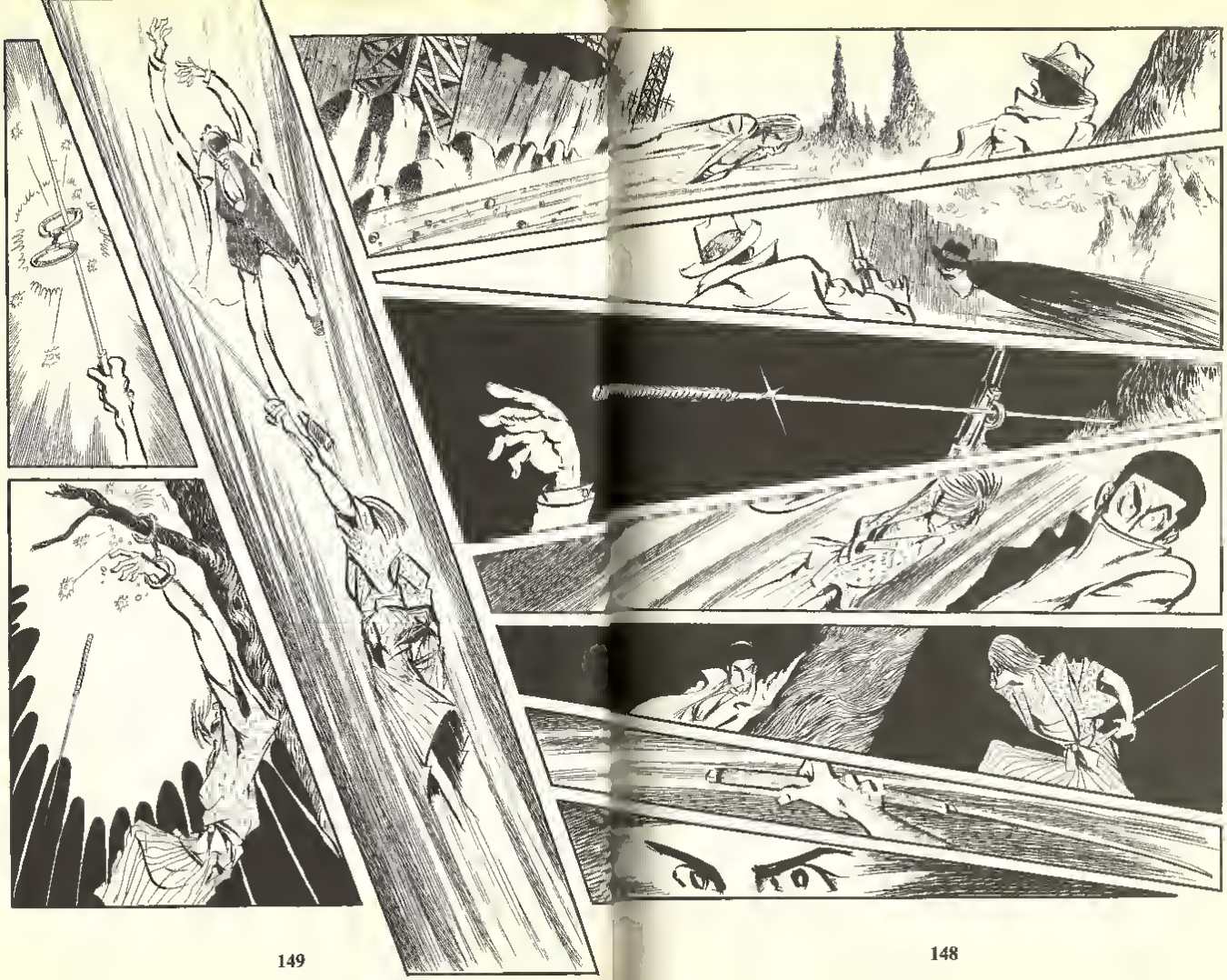
THAT ISLAND HAS BEEN IN MY FAMILY FOR GENERATIONS.
I MUST RETAKE IT.

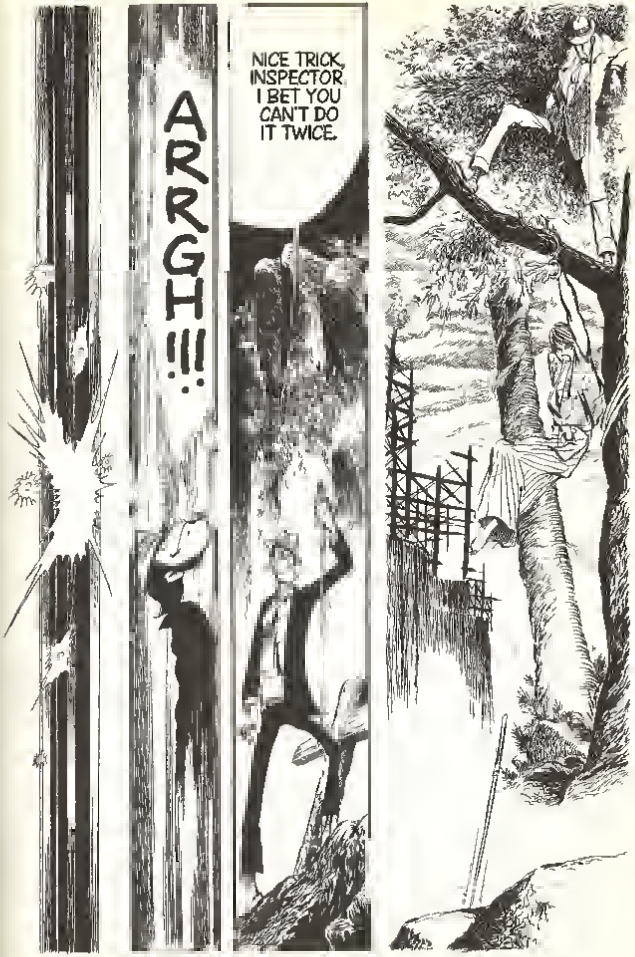

TAKE HIM DOWN!!


NO YOU WON'T AND I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS BULLSHIT! JUST DISAPPEAR FOR A FEW DAYS WHILE I GO AFTER THE PRESIDENT?!
GO AHEAD! I'LL LICK THE LOT OF YA!


THIS ARROGANT ASSHOLE DISCOVERS MY ISLAND, AND CLAIMS IT FOR HIMSELF...
...OUTLAW DRUGS AND PROSTITUTION ...
AND DECLARE HIMSELF PRESIDENT!
.. THEN HE HAS THE NERVE TO SET UP A GOVERNMENT ..

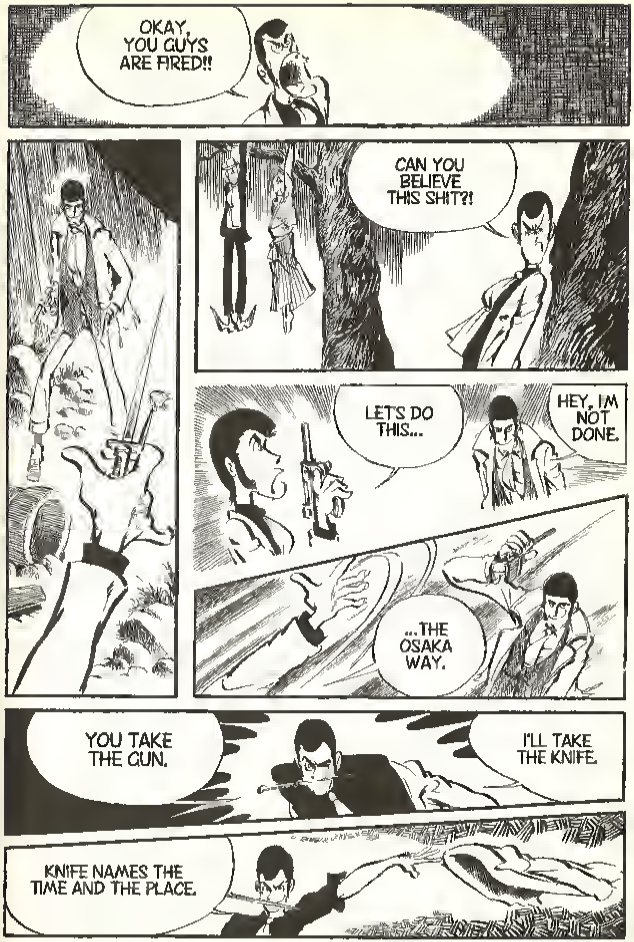
HA HA HA! EVEN THE U.N. RECOGNIZES HIS CLAIM. HE'S A SOVEREIGN RULER.
THERE IS ONLY ONE RULER ON THAT ISLAND...

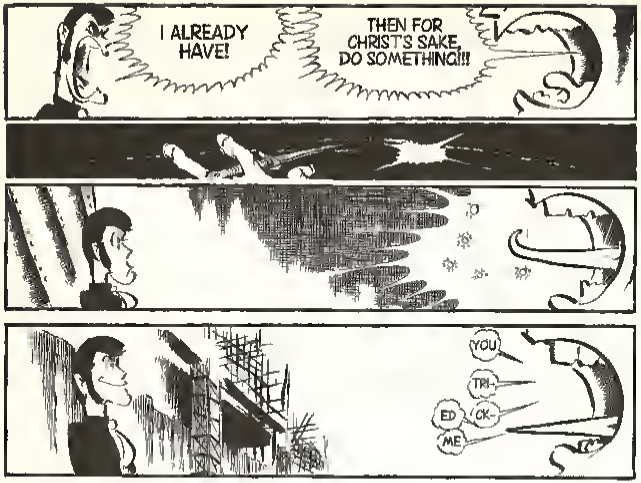



NICE TRICK, INSPECTOR. I BET YOU CAN'T DO IT TWICE.
ARRGH!!!

SO THAT'S HOW...
...I EVEN UP THE ODDS!!!

AND NO KILLING.
WHEN AND WHERE?
A TAD BACK TO THE RIGHT...
HOW ABOUT NOW...AND A LITTLE TO THE LEFT.
ONE STEP BACK...
THE WINNER TAKES HIS CAPTIVE ALIVE.
HOW PEACEFUL.


OKAY, YOU GUYS ARE FIRED!!
CAN YOU BELIEVE THIS SHIT?!
LETS DO THIS...
HEY, I'M NOT DONE.
...THE OSAKA WAY.
YOU TAKE THE GUN.
I'LL TAKE THE KNIFE.
KNIFE NAMES THE TIME AND THE PLACE.


I ALREADY HAVE!
THEN FOR CHRIST'S SAKE, DO SOMETHING!!!
YOU
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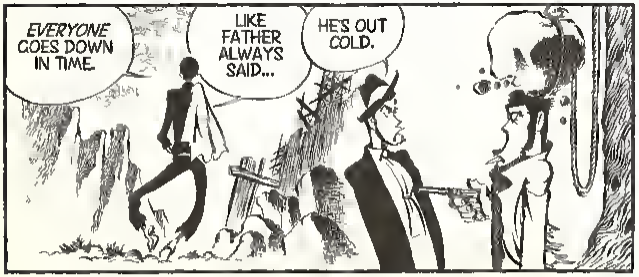
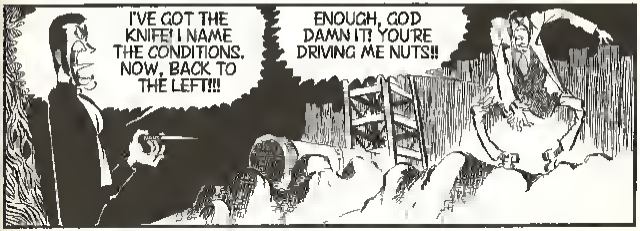
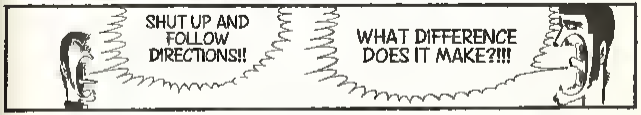
ME

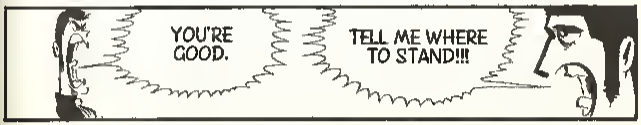

EVERYONE GOES DOWN IN TIME.
LIKE FATHER ALWAYS SAID...
HE'S OUT COLD.

YOUR OTHER LEFT!
YOU WENT TOO FAR...
LEFT, DAMMIT !!
GO TO THE RIGHT.
KEEP GOING... KEEP GOING...
NO NO. BACK MORE.

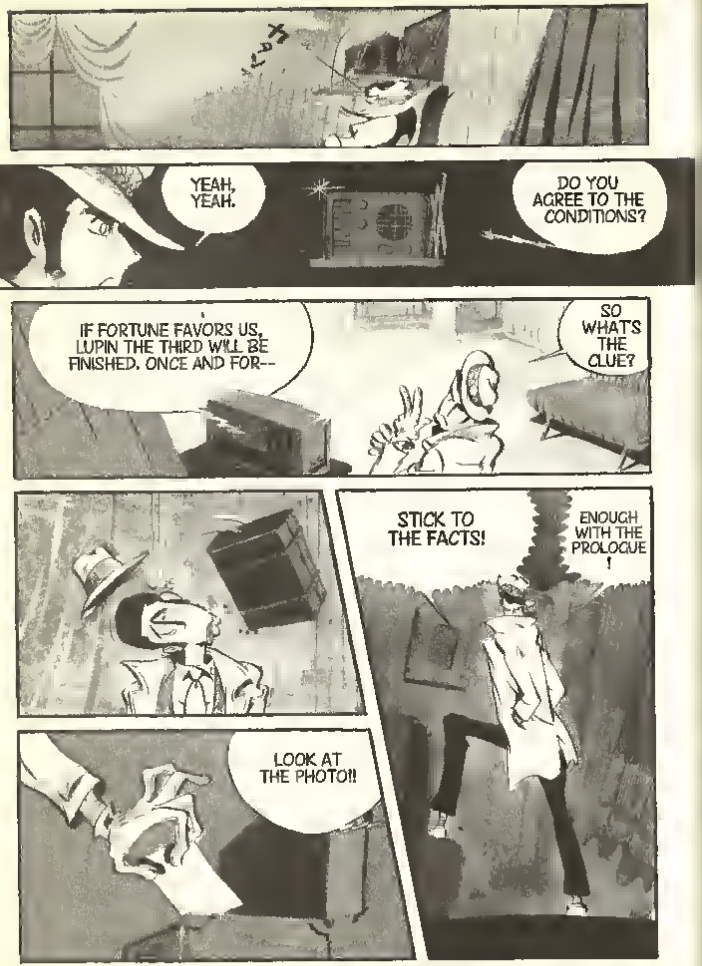
ARE YOU EVEN TRYING?
WAY TOO FAR.
BACK TO THE RIGHT! MORE! MORE!


I'VE GOT THE KNIFE! I NAME THE CONDITIONS. NOW, BACK TO THE LEFT!!!
ENOUGH, GOD DAMN IT! YOU'RE DRIVING ME NUTS!!


SHUT UP AND FOLLOW DIRECTIONS!!
WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE?!!!


YOU'RE GOOD.
TELL ME WHERE TO STAND!!!

IT'S ZENIGATA!!


YEAH, YEAH.
DO YOU AGREE TO THE CONDITIONS?
IF FORTUNE FAVORS US, LUPIN THE THIRD WILL BE FINISHED. ONCE AND FOR--
SO WHAT'S THE CLUE?
STICK TO THE FACTS!
ENOUGH WITH THE PROLOGUE !
LOOK AT THE PHOTO!!